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## IMF agrees to review PLO issue

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (Agencies) — The International Monetary Fund-World Bank assembly Friday formally called for the two institutions' executive councils to review the exclusion of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) from last year's annual meeting.

High IMF and World Bank officials indirectly turned down a PLO request to attend the meeting last year as an observer. The assembly Friday called for the executive councils to settle the dispute. The call was the result of a last-minute compromise between the United States and a group of Arab countries, although the deal coincides closely with the U.S. position. Arab states wanted to bring the affair to the International Court of Justice at The Hague.

Arab states contend that the PLO's exclusion violated internal rules of the World Bank and the IMF. Officials circumvented the request by inviting no observers to the assembly, except for Switzerland. Several delegations greeted the compromise Friday with relief. A suit before the International Court might have set a troublesome precedent and announced to the world that members themselves could not settle their differences.

Despite the compromise, further efforts to gain observer status for the PLO are not ruled out.

The argument is a legalistic one over the actions by the United States and other Western countries to bar the PLO from last year's meeting and from this one. But behind it lies the Arab governments' efforts to get further world recognition for the PLO, and the resistance of both former President Jimmy Carter and President Ronald Reagan's administrations.

### Man, weighing 630kg, in serious condition

SEATTLE, Washington, Oct. 2 (AP) — A man who once weighed an estimated 1,400 pounds (630 kg) was reported in serious condition Thursday night suffering from fluid retention and suspected heart failure, and one official said he may have gained as much as 200 pounds (90 kg) during the past week.

Jon B. Minnoch, 40, who had lost 900 pounds (405 kg), was admitted to University Hospital and may be losing his battle against obesity.

A spokesman for the Seattle Fire Department said that Minnoch may have gained 200 pounds (90 kg) within the last week. Barbara Battino, hospital spokeswoman, could not confirm that or estimate the Seattle man's current weight.

It took 10 men to carry Minnoch from his Seattle house to a waiting ambulance Wednesday. To extricate Minnoch, several doors had to be removed from the home.

Although there was no scale available for an accurate measurement, doctors estimated in March 1978 that Minnoch weighed at least 1,400 pounds (630 kg) when he was hospitalized then for 16 months.



DISCUSSING AWACS: U.S. Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger and Gen. David Jones, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Thursday on the sale of AWACS to Saudi Arabia.

## Israel's nosing irks U.S.

By Walter R. Mears

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan wants Israel to butt out of American foreign policy-making, and he has said so for all the world to hear.

Presidents are not customarily that blunt in their public pronouncements about Israel and its lobbying clout. But the Reagan administration has been bristling for week's over Israeli resistance to the sale of American arms to Saudi Arabia.

Congress could block the deal. A House majority and half the Senate signed up in opposition to the sale. The administration is trying to change minds in the Republican Senate, and Reagan said Thursday that he thinks "the chance is good" it will go through.

It will unless both the House and the Senate vote by Oct. 31 to bar the sale of AWACS surveillance planes and other weapons to the Kingdom.

Reagan's rebuke to Israel implied that if Congress does vote no, it will be reflecting undue foreign influence in American policy-making.

"As president, it's my duty to defend and defend our broad national security objectives," Reagan said Thursday. "The Congress, of course, plays an important role in this process."

"And while we must always take into account the vital interests of our allies, American security interests must remain our internal responsibility," he said. "It is not the business of other nations to make American foreign policy."

That was no off-the-cuff statement. He delivered it in opening his news conference, before taking questions. And he under-

scored it when asked whether he was telling Israel to keep hands off U.S. security interests in the Middle East.

"Well, or anyone else," he replied. "We're going forward with strategic discussions of our relations with Israel, but ... I suppose what really is the most serious thing is ... that other countries must not get a perception that we are being unduly influenced one way or the other with regard to foreign policy."

Arab countries always have argued that the United States is unduly influenced by Israel. They said so again after Reagan met with Prime Minister Menahem Begin three weeks ago. The United States and Israel agreed at that time to what was called strategic cooperation.

That arrangement seemed to be an effort to take the edge off Israeli opposition to the Saudi Arabian arms sale. If so, it didn't work. Begin did not campaign publicly against the deal, but administration officials said he did so privately in meetings with members of Congress.

Secretary of State Alexander Haig has said in advance that any lobbying by Begin "would be unacceptable intervention." Haig said he understands Israeli sensitivity on the issue, but the president must deal with broader considerations.

"And while we must always take into account the vital interests of our allies, American security interests must remain our internal responsibility," he said. "It is not the business of other nations to make American foreign policy."

The president said repeatedly that the U.S. arms sale would not be a threat to Israeli security, now or in the future. Begin doesn't buy that.

## Taipei dubs Peking move malicious

TAIPEI, Oct. 2 (R) — Nationalist Chinese Prime Minister Sun Yun-suan Friday attacked Peking's latest peace overture to Taiwan as malicious and said the struggle between the two sides was between democracy and tyranny.

The Nationalists were not struggling for power or territory, he said, adding: "Millions upon millions of our suffering mainland compatriots stand on the brink of a terrible abyss. We cannot abandon our righteous position and lofty goal and hold a candle for the devil." The prime minister's remarks, the most authoritative reaction so far to China's reunification proposal, came in a speech in response to questions in parliament.

De facto head of state Marshal Ye Jianying who launched Peking's new initiative Wednesday, proposed direct talks between the Communist and Nationalist parties and offered some form of power-sharing for the Nationalists in a united China. The offer was immediately rejected by a Taiwan government spokesman as a propaganda trick.

Sun said the treatment of Tibet by the Chinese Communists was a "convincing example of the malicious intent of their united front conspiracy." "Not only the Chinese should remember this lesson, but also all peoples of the world will see through the Communists' united front tricks and not be deceived," he added.

Peking's nine-point offer was not specific and had not gone to the heart of the problem, "which is whether China should adopt a free and democratic system or a totalitarian and dictatorial one," the prime minister said. Sun said the confrontation across the Taiwan Straits over the past 30 years emerged from two completely different systems.

For reunification, Taiwan insisted on the establishment on the mainland of "a democratic republic of the people, by the people and for the people based on (Nationalist revolutionary leader) Sun Yat-sen's three principles of the people" (Nationalism, democracy and livelihood), he said.

Criticized Peking's plans to celebrate the 70th anniversary Oct. 10 of the 1911 revolution led by Dr. Sun Yat-sen which overthrew the last Chinese emperor and established the Nationalist republic.

"The 1911 revolution had nothing to do with the Chinese Communists, and the nation-founding ideals of the revolution were a world apart from the Chinese Communists' ideology and system," he said. "If the Chinese Communists really meant to commemorate the revolution and show respect for Dr. Sun-Yat-sen's ideals and advocates, they would give their allegiance to his three principles of the people, return to the national system established by his revolution and strive for the happiness and bright future of the Chinese people," Sun added.

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## Death toll rises to 83 in Beirut

BEIRUT, Oct. 2 (AP) — Police said Friday the death toll rose to 83 in the car-bomb blast that ripped through Palestinian residential quarter in Beirut leaving more than 300 others injured. PLO official spokesman Mahmoud Labadi, a survivor of Thursday's explosion, said in his shattered offices the blast signaled the start of a new kind of war between the PLO and Israel.

"The option is always open," Labadi said in an interview with the Associated Press, reiterating the PLO accusation that the state of bombings against PLO and nationalist targets in Lebanon was an Israeli violation of the July 24 ceasefire.

As he spoke, the Lebanese police reported a 75-kilogram (165 pound) explosive charge went off in the primary school of the south Lebanese village of Jarjou. Friday, causing extensive damage but no casualties.

The spokesman, who declined to be named in line with government policy, said the PLO arrested two unidentified persons in connection with the school blast. No one was in the school because of the Friday holiday, he added.

The spokesman described Thursday's blast in Beirut as the "worst bombing in Lebanon" since the 1975-76 civil war.

Lebanese Treasury Minister Ali Khalil, who hails from southern Lebanon which suffered much of the ongoing spate of bombings, called them a "whirlpool of terror sprung directly, or indirectly, by Israel."

The official Iraqi News Agency reported in a Beirut dispatch the PLO arrested an unnamed woman as she was leaving a car near the Palestinian-populated camp of Shatila in south Beirut Thursday night. The agency said 120 kilograms (264 pounds) were found but gave no other details.

Labadi said the PLO had so far made no arrests in connection with Thursday's mid-morning blast that tore off the front in a one-block stretch of highrise apartment buildings in the Arab University neighborhood.

"This is a new kind of war with Israel and we have to get accustomed to it," Labadi said.

Associated Press correspondent Tom Baldwin saw troops halting cars trying to enter the district. They made drivers open car hoods and trunks and search beneath seats and inside glove compartments. On the street in front of the PLO offices, usually bustling with shoppers and vendors, sheets of glass and rubble rained down from the upper-story apartments that were shattered by Thursday's explosion. Visitors had to wade and shout up to the residents in order to halt the downpour long enough to dash from one building to the next.

It was obvious the PLO was pushing to hastily repair the damage and secure the neighborhood. Workmen were busy repairing telephone lines and bulldozers pushed wreckage into neat piles. Telephone lines into the PLO offices were working less than 24 hours after the blast.

Police and PLO spokesmen said 30 teenage girls trapped in the cellar of a blown-up textile factory were rescued alive overnight.

The PLO, the Lebanese government and various nationalist and rightist militia groups in Lebanon blamed the car bomb massacre on Israel.

"It seems now we are facing a sort of a secret war," director of the PLO office in Lebanon Shafiq al-Hout told a news conference at the United Nations a few hours after the Beirut bombing. "If this is going to continue, then we consider it a serious violation of the ceasefire agreement."

Al-Hout said the Palestinian freedom movement would then reconsider its position on the ceasefire that on July 24 halted the latest round in the Israel-PLO war of attrition across the Lebanese borders.

## Arab states pledge support to Kuwait

KUWAIT, Oct. 2 (Agencies) — Jordan and Qatar have offered military support to Kuwait against any Iranian attack, the official Jordanian news agency said Friday. King Hussein telephoned the Kuwaiti ruler, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad, and inquired about the Iranian raid and damage to the oil complex, the news agency added. He said his army would stand by Kuwait in any fresh one-year-old war with Iraq," it added.

In Tunis, a strong editorial attack was made on Iran Friday by Al-Amal, published by the ruling Socialist Destour Party. Commenting on Kuwait's accusation, the paper said: "Once again the Khomeini regime reveals its real designs, which is not surprising with a regime which has become a symbol of vengeance and has committed thousands of murders."

Al-Amal said Tehran believed the Iranian revolution could be exported "only by sabotaging Arab-Muslim societies which they want to turn into something like the Iranian society which is decomposing and has condemned 200 children to the gallows."

On the war front Iranian planes Friday attacked and seriously damaged four power stations in Iraq at dawn Friday, Tehran radio claimed. The radio identified the targets as the Dukan Dam station in northern Iraq, another north-east of Kirkuk and two in the southern Umm Al-Qasr region.

## Eid on Oct. 8

JEDDAH, Oct. 2 (SPA) — A statement issued here Friday by the Royal Court said the ascent of Arafat will be on Wednesday, Oct. 7 and Eid al-Adha on Oct. 8. The statement said the dates were based on the sighting of Dhul Hijja crescent moon which was confirmed by the Supreme Council of Judiciary.

It said that the crescent moon had been sighted by witnesses Tuesday evening.

The ascent of Arafat, which begins at dawn and ends at sunset, is the most significant part of the pilgrimage. Pilgrims leave Arafat for Muzdalifa and Mina the next day for a three-day stay. Eid al-Adha marks the first day pilgrims stay in Mina to offer sacrifice.

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## Doctors reattach severed fingers

BOSTON, Oct. 2 (AP) — Seven fingers severed from the hands of a 21-year-old man by an iron press were successfully reattached in a two-day "surgical marathon" that involved 44 doctors, nurses and technicians, doctors have announced.

Dr. James W. May Jr., who headed the Massachusetts General Hospital surgical team, said he believed the operation marked the first time surgeons have been able to replace that many fingers. He also said the 46½ hours was the longest a patient had been under general anesthesia at Massachusetts general.

"The reason for reporting this case is that surgeons in general and the public in general must be made aware that this type of procedure is possible," May told a news conference that was attended by the patient, Michael Bates.

Bates lost eight fingers Sept. 4 when they were caught in the iron press at a factory.

"I knew I didn't have any hands," Bates recalled. "I didn't think I'd have hands again until a few days ago when they had me move my fingers."

May said the surgical procedures for reattaching severed limbs have become commonplace over the past few years.

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# Dammam landlords receive SR500m

By a Staff Writer

DAMMAM, Oct. 2 — The municipality has allocated SR500 million to be paid as compensation to owners of land and property that will be appropriated to make way for car parks. *Okaz* reported Friday. Mayor Zayed Al Sukaibi said work already is in progress to build multi-story car parks. In Taif, SR200 million was allocated for compensation to develop the Sulaimaniyah locality, the report added.

In spring, Dammam Municipality was allocated SR808.6 million for its budget. Zayed Fahd Al-Sukaibi, Dammam mayor, said in May that an additional SR300 million had been allocated for compensating people whose land was expropriated for public projects.

The new budget included asphalting, paving and illuminating various streets in Dammam, building a new public park and gardens, fencing graveyards and constructing a new building for the municipality, the mayor said.

Sukaibi added that among the projects earmarked in the budget was the multi-level parking lot. The municipality also planned a central vegetable market and a circular road for the city.

The public park, which will occupy one million square meters will be located near Dammam's new government complex. It will include gardens, children's playgrounds, swimming pools, fountains and some tame animals and birds. The total cost of the park will be SR100 million, Sukaibi said.

The new park will effectively contribute in benefiting Eastern Province citizens, in addition to the recreational beach facilities in Nisf Al-Qamar and Aziziya.

In view of the extensive urbanization taking place in the Kingdom, the rise in the incomes and standards of living and the resultant pressure on municipal and civic facilities, the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs has been implementing projects aimed at developing and expanding the municipal infrastructure in more than 100 population centers, the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency said in its 1980 annual report.

For this purpose, budgetary appropriations for the ministry as well as the municipalities and water and sewage departments were raised by 54 percent to SR19.8 billion in the 1981 fiscal year.



Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al Khalil

## Aba Al Khalil sees officials

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (SPA) — Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al Khalil Friday met separately the Brazilian Minister of Finance Irineu Valinoti and Tunisian Minister of Finance and Planning Mansour Ma'ala.

He reviewed with the two ministers economic issues of mutual interests and developing bilateral relations. The meetings were within the context of Sheikh Aba Al-Khalil's planned contacts with the finance ministers attending the annual meeting of International Monetary Fund and World Bank here.

Aba Al Khalil was selected last year to speak on behalf of the Arab group of countries and present the Arab viewpoint on number of economic and financial matters.

The fight for a greater political say in the IMF will come to the fore again as the group of Arab countries, led by Saudi Arabia and including other Gulf states as Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates have requested that the issue of observer status for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) be put on the agenda.

Arab bankers said their case for greater influence is based on their vast financial contributions.

Arab states believe their contribution has not been recognized fairly by Western countries. Saudi Arabia, for example, has only a 3.5 percent quota in the IMF while the United States holds an almost 21 percent share. The Arab financial muscle was first flexed in the IMF and World Bank when the PLO's economic body, the Palestine National Fund, requested observer status in 1979. American opposition rallied Arab states behind the PLO, which already has similar status in the United Nations.

# Mosque expanded to fit 300,000 worshippers

JEDDAH, Oct. 2 (SPA) — The Namirat mosque in Arafat, in the holy places, has been enlarged to accommodate 300,000 worshippers, officials announced here Thursday during a visit by the Pilgrimage Minister Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie.

The minister toured the area and inspected other projects aimed at serving the pilgrims. He also visited the pilgrims' reception stations along the expressway and instructed the guides to look after the pilgrims and provide them with every facility and comfort to help them accomplish their mission. He then went to the overland pilgrims' reception station, which was set up specially to accommodate the pilgrims' vehicles in which they travel from their countries to the holy land.

Meanwhile, officials announced that 37 teams totaling about 1,000 boy scouts have

been assigned to work in the holy places marking the land plots and the roads for the benefit of the pilgrims in each of Mina and Arafat. They are also surveying the land and government departments, hospitals, emergency centers and various other facilities.

This information will be collected in a guide book including the names of the guides, their addresses and land plots allotted to them for distribution to the scouts who will be helping the pilgrims.

Tunisian Health Minister Rashid Safar arrived here Friday to lead his country's pilgrimage mission this year. Seven thousand Tunisians out of 10,000 due to perform the pilgrimage, have already arrived in the country.

## For local products

### Agency to guarantee quality

By a Staff Writer

Business magazine reported.

SASO already has sent more than 30 employees to the United States for continued studies in physics, chemistry, engineering, textiles, food sciences and various other disciplines so that they can operate the various branches of the organization when they return the magazine reported.

The Standard Implementation Department will appoint quality control inspectors to visit local factories and carry out inspections at least four times a year. If the products are not of the highest quality they will not be released into the market, the spokesman said.

The inspectors will be attached to the various sections of the organization dealing with items such as foodstuff, chemicals, mechanical and electric goods, textiles and synthetics. The strength of the inspection staff will be increased as the training program, now underway, is expanded, the magazine reported. Currently, some trainees have returned after completing study in the United States, Britain and Japan, it added.

## BRIEFS

JEDDAH — Importers of cars must make sure they have adequate spares for all the models and sizes that they market in the country. The consumer protection agency of the Ministry of Trade warned Friday that if the spares are not immediately available, the ministry will force the dealers to get rid of their new cars, local news reports said.

JEDDAH — The anti-vagrancy office of the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare has been encouraged to clear the city from beggars and vagrants, according to *Okaz* Friday.

Riyadh — Traffic Director Brig. Muhammad ibn Iyesh has warned rash drivers of stern punishment if they continue to endanger the lives of others by racing their cars in and around the city. He said a few reckless young men were speeding and organizing car races which endanger their lives and those of others, *Okaz* reported Friday.

JEDDAH — All contracts and agreements signed with foreign parties must be made in Arabic, which is the official language of the country, according to the general audit department. This was communicated to all the government departments, public corporations and government-owned companies, according to *Al-Jazirah* Friday. The contracts may be translated into the language of the foreign party and attached to the Arabic version.

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### Specialist warns Bug infestation ruins food

By a Staff Writer



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signs of infestation," Ellebert said.

In addition, the specialist said that bugs on airplanes are a problem and must be checked out regularly. One area where infestation occurs is in warehouses which are damaged and insects and rats can enter easily. Ellebert pointed out one example where a shipment of goods was delivered to a spotless new warehouse. However, the shipping crates had termites and the bugs invaded other areas of the building.

He advised that merchants involved with foodstuffs insure their product against infestation. "It costs less to insure good food than lose good food. A country where so much food is imported knows the importance of preventing ruined goods," he added.

### Rapist beheaded in Jeddah square

JEDDAH, Oct. 2 (SPA) — A man was beheaded by the sword Friday for raping and killing another, the Interior Ministry said.

In a statement read to a small crowd of onlookers who gathered in a Jeddah public square after Friday noon prayer, the ministry said, "Muhammad Abdullah Almouled had murdered Jamal Taha Shakroun after raping and abandoning his body in the wilder-

ness."

It added: "By God's help the killer was arrested and tried by the Jeddah Sharia court" and that a Royal decree approved the execution of the criminal.

The statement concluded by saying that the government will strike hard to apply God's law on the transgressors to maintain law and order in the country."

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# Kingdom pursues solar energy goals

By Robert Fraga

DHAHRAN, Oct. 2 — Saudi Arabia is pursuing intensive efforts to explore and develop the uses to which solar energy can be put, according to Dr. Bruce Nimmo, acting head of the energy resources division of the Research Institute at the University of Petroleum and Minerals (UPM).

Speaking before a local audience of the Society of Petroleum Engineers here, Nimmo outlined projects presently under way in various parts of Saudi Arabia after first giving a brief history of solar uses dating back to antiquity.

One of these projects, the 4,000 square meter set of collector plates installed on the roof of the King Abdul Aziz Airborne School's field house at Tabuk, provides 100 percent of the school's hot water and 40 percent of its space heat. The 14-building school is the largest solar-heated complex in the world.

Nimmo, who obtained his Ph. D. in mechanical engineering from Stanford University and who worked at Brookhaven National Laboratory on advance heat transfer studies for new reactor designs before joining the UMP in 1976, alluded to a solar-powered 45-kilowatt generating station on

an experimental farm outside Riyadh. Elsewhere in the Arab world, the Royal Jordanian scientific society is experimenting at Aqaba with solar desalination, he said, and the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) maintains a 100-kilowatt solar power station.

At the research institute, experiments have been performed both with the evacuated tube type and with flat plate collectors. Among the latter generically is one of the particular interest: the stabilized salt gradient pond.

Solar ponds, in which a high saline density counteracts loss of heat by convection, are potentially of great importance to Saudi Arabia where Sabkhas are fairly easy to convert to such ponds. Basically what one needs, says Nimmo, is "just water, salt, a hole, and a liner."

A prototype pond built at the institute registered a temperature of 129 degrees Fahrenheit in its salt-saturated region shortly after start-up. Raised to that kind of temperature, water could be pumped out to heat buildings and to serve various industrial purposes.

Another advantage of solar ponds is their relatively cheap cost: whereas flat plate collectors presently run about \$100-200 per

square meter, solar ponds can be constructed at 20 percent this price.

The principal economic advance, however, has come in photovoltaic systems, said Nimmo. First used in such ventures as the U.S. space program, these devices — which convert sunlight directly to electricity through current induction in the silicone material of the photovoltaic cells — initially cost about \$1,000 per peak watt, an appropriately astronomical sum. Since then, the price has been slashed back to \$70-100 per watt, and there are hopes that this can be further reduced.

A photovoltaic collector system has been installed, at a cost of \$16.5 million, in Riyadh under the auspices of the Solar Energy Research American-Saudi (SOLERS) program. This ambitious system aims to provide one million watts of power to the Najdi villages of Al-Jubail and Al-Uyaina.

Despite its vast hydrocarbon reserves, Saudi Arabia is wise to pursue solar energy research, argues Nimmo, not only for the future but for its immediate usefulness in remote areas where connection to an existing power grid would prove costly.

## Muslims warned about newsmen

JEDDAH, Oct. 2 (SPA) — Sheikh Abdul Aziz Bin Baz, the head of Saudi Arabia's highest spiritual authority, has warned Muslim leaders to be cautious when dealing with orientalists and foreign journalists.

Bin Baz, the president of the Departments of Scholarly Research, Religious Ruling and Guidance said in a statement published Friday that Muslims should not cooperate with those who intrude into the Muslim ranks and to be aware of plots and treachery they might hatch.

The president also lashed at the Egyptian government and officials of Al Azhar University for allowing the shooting of a film screened on the Swiss television. He said that the film *Islam and Muslims in Egypt* contained scenes harmful to Islam.

Bin Baz urged Muslim governments and religious officials to carry out thorough investigations of the work of foreign newsmen to guarantee that their work does not defame Islam and Muslims.

## Islamic seminar thanks King Khaled

HOLY MAKKAH, Oct. 2 (SPA) — Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of Muslim World League (MWL) has sent a cable of thanks on behalf of MWL and members of the tenth session of the international Islamic seminar to King Khaled appreciating his deep concern and full support for the implementation of Islamic teachings in accordance with the Qur'an and Sunnah (teachings of Prophet Muhammad) in Islamic states.



(CNA photo)

MISSION: Members of the Republic of China's pilgrimage mission meet with Taiwan's ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Hsueh Yu-chi.

## Chinese pilgrims arrive in Kingdom

Saudi Interior Minister Prince Naif bin Abdul Aziz in 1979.

He also said Sino-Saudi cooperation, which is benefiting the people of both countries, is developing rapidly in four areas: agriculture, industry and electrical power, health, and science and technology.

## Houston shows import decline

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Oct. 2 — Saudi Arabian exports to Houston have decreased by one third despite an overall increase during the first half of 1981 over comparable figures in 1980, *Saudi Business* magazine reported.

The drop-off is related directly to the decrease in demand for imported crude oil in the United States, which is being caused by the current glut on world markets, the magazine reported. Houston port commissioners have authorized a research group to initiate application proceedings for a foreign trade zone at the port.

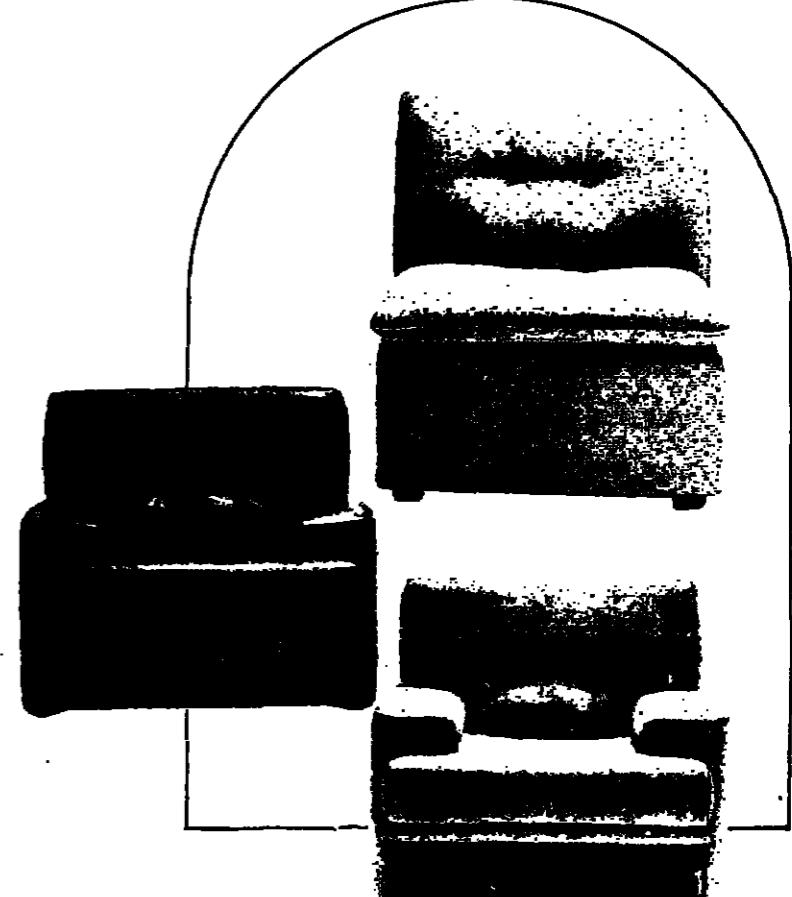
The commissioners decided to permit International Management Services of Houston (IMS) to prepare an application for a foreign trade zone. The application will be submitted to the Foreign Trade Zone Board whose chairman and chief officers include the U.S. secretary of Commerce and the Secretaries of the Treasury and the U.S. Army.

The port's decision comes in the sake of a three-month study designed to establish the feasibility of placing such a facility at the port. IMS was commissioned to do the study in May, the magazine reported.

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For presidential poll

# Massive Iran turnout reported

BEIRUT, Oct. 2 (Agencies) — Ayatollah Khomeini's government Friday claimed a massive turnout in Iran's third post-revolution presidential election that is expected to install hardline clergyman Ali Khamenei as the new head of state.

Revolutionary guards and special volunteers were called up to protect polling places but the balloting was marred by clashes in the central Iranian city of Shiraz where Tehran radio reported a total of six Mujahedeen Khalq guerrillas were killed.

The state-run radio, monitored in Beirut, said four armed, anti-government guerrillas engaged revolutionary guards in a shootout near Shiraz's Charra Hospital and that two government opponents were killed and two others arrested. In a separate incident, revolutionary guards chased a suspicious car and the passengers opened fire. Three Mujahedeen guerrillas were killed and one arrested, the radio said.

The radio said an armed guerrilla who attempted to stop a car and set it ablaze near an air force base in Shiraz was shot to death by military personnel. The radio broadcast a statement urging voters to cast their ballots even if standing in long lines in the hot sun was "irritating."

The statement urged voters to remember "oppressed martyrs" like (Islamic Republic Party founder Ayatollah Muhammad) Beheshti, (President Muhammad Ali) Rajai and (Prime Minister Muhammad) Babbar who burned amid flames of fire. All were killed in bomb attacks attributed to the Mujahedeen Khalq.

Between 1,000 and 1,500 voters were reported in four hours at a major polling place on an avenue leading to eastern Tehran, and an election official said several children younger than 15, the minimum voting age, had been turned away. Another large

election district office on Vali Asr Avenue, which goes from northern to southern Tehran, had registered 300 votes three hours after it opened.

Little polling places lined the streets in the relatively poor neighborhoods of southern Tehran, sometimes separated only by a few hundred meters. One such office, which had a portrait of the overwhelming favorite, Hojatoleslam Ali Khamenei, taken off a window at the request of a member of the election surveillance committee, had accepted 100 voters in two hours, an official said.

The polling places were fewer in the richer neighborhoods of northern Tehran, because, one voting official said, fewer people live there.

Voters in some constituencies were given two ballots, one to designate his or her choice for president and the other to name a preferred candidate in by-elections for 11 vacant parliamentary seats.

Meanwhile, in Paris, the French Foreign Ministry Friday reminded former Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr and Mujahedeen leader Rajavi that their status as political refugees forbade them from indulging in political activities. The warning came in the wake of a statement by the deposed president that he would form an Iranian government-in-exile against the regime of Ayatollah Khomeini.

The ministry spokesman said he had no information other than press reports concerning the deposed president's intentions, but added that Bani-Sadr and Rajavi had been "reminded many times" that they had given their "written accord" to maintain a low profile in France, where they have been living in self-imposed exile since their escape from Iran last July.

In Bonn, some 300 Iranian students chanting "Death to Khomeini" marched through

the city Friday to denounce what they called "the phoney presidential election in Iran." The students, supporters of the underground Mujahedeen Khalq organization also shouted slogans against mass executions and torture in their country.

In Manila, police arrested 81 Iranian students Friday, after firing shots into the air and using water hoses to break up opposing student groups on Iran's presidential election day. Six students and two police officers were injured in the melee involving more than 400 Iranian students and scores of riot police, according to police and hospital authorities. About 200 students opposed to Ayatollah Khomeini, threw stones, damaging several parked cars, and fought off police with sticks during a heavy downpour in the Makati financial district here near the Iranian Embassy, police said.

Police officers and witnesses said the anti-Khomeini group refused to disperse after police had broken up a battle between them and a group of pro-Khomeini students.

In Copenhagen, an Iranian diplomat described by his superior as "very mad and very frustrated" has asked Denmark for permission to defect, police said Friday. Arne Baum, head of the alien section of the Copenhagen police, identified the man as Hossein Moini, a second secretary in the Iranian embassy.

"He submitted an application Thursday to stay in Denmark," Baum said. "The reasons he gave were the same as he would say if he asked for political asylum." Baum refused to disclose the exact grounds for Moini's application or his current location other than "somewhere" in Copenhagen.

## BRIEFS

QUETTA, (AP) — Customs officials from the Baluchistan provincial capital of Quetta seized their biggest-ever cache of arms and ammunition from a truck entering Pakistan from Afghanistan, a spokesman said Thursday.

CAIRO, (AP) — President Anwar Sadat will make a tour of Asia in November with stopovers in Japan, China and North Korea, the foreign ministry here announced Thursday. On the agenda of his talks, the ministry added, will be the Middle East conflict and the question of Cambodia's representation at the United Nations.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — The number of Jews emigrating from the Soviet Union has dwindled down to its lowest level in 12 years, the Jewish Agency, an Israel-based immigrants' aid association, reported here Friday.

DAMASCUS, (AFP) — South Yemen President Ali Nasser Muhammad arrived here Thursday for an unheralded visit. Syrian radio said he was greeted at Damascus airport by Syrian head of state Hafez Assad.

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## Evren seeks French steps on terrorism

ANKARA, Oct. 2 (R) — Turkey's head of state Gen. Kenan Evren has appealed to French President Francois Mitterrand not to delay in adopting effective precautions against international terrorism, the foreign ministry said Friday. His message follows last Thursday's attack by Armenian militants on the Turkish diplomatic mission in Paris, in which a Turkish security guard was killed and an official wounded.

Gen. Evren pointed out that five attacks on Turkish diplomats and missions had been made in France within a year. "I have no doubts that we share the view that no more delay should be permitted in taking multilateral and effective precautions against terrorism which is manifested almost daily in European countries," Gen. Evren said. French authorities have said they will put the four Armenian gunmen involved in last week's raid on trial.

Eighteen Turkish diplomats and relatives have been killed in over 50 attacks claimed by Armenian militants in various countries since 1973.

French minister assails Libya's African policy

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (AFP) — France cannot have normal diplomatic relations with Libya "as long as it remains a menace for certain friends of ours in Africa, as long as its troops are in Chad," French Cooperation Minister Jean-Pierre Cot said in an interview published in *The Washington Post* Friday.

Cot, who is in the U.S. for a meeting of the World Bank, said that the new French socialist government was "changing the rules of the reasons for French military presence in Africa, and we have conveyed that very directly to several African leaders accustomed to the old way of doing things." Those leaders had "responded with great understanding to the fact that French officers will no longer be personal presidential bodyguards or local secret police," the minister told *The Post*.

He said that France had "decided not to sell any arms to Libya because we think the Libyan policy is an aggressive one."

## After Syrian intervention

# Patriarch defers decision on archbishop of Jerusalem

DAMASCUS, Oct. 2 (AP) — Greek Catholic Patriarch Maximus Hakim has deferred a decision to appoint a successor to expelled Jerusalem archbishop Hilarion Capudji after "official Syrian intervention" to foil the appointment, a senior Syrian official said Thursday.

The official, who declined to be identified, said Greek Catholic bishop Francois Abumekh visited the Syrian Foreign Ministry Thursday and announced that the Patriarch "has definitely changed his mind and canceled a decision to appoint a new bishop to Jerusalem." Hakim could not be reached immediately for comment.

Earlier this week, he had announced his decision to appoint a Syrian, Lutfi Al-Laham, as bishop of Jerusalem to replace Capudji who is now living in exile in Rome. Capudji was arrested in 1974 and it was

alleged he was running a gun-smuggling operation to supply Palestinian commandos in the West Bank. He served three years of a 12-year prison sentence and was expelled from Israel in 1977.

Israel welcomed news of the appointment while Syria said it would "fight the death." The Arabs consider such an appointment "would be tantamount to recognition of Israeli claims on Jerusalem."

The official said Syria had acted to prevent the appointment "because Israel had welcomed the move" and because "Capudji's case had become an Arab issue and not only a church matter."

The official said that Syria had exerted pressure on Hakim at the request of "all Arab countries" and following a memorandum from Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Klibi of Tunisia.

## Blasts strategic alliance

# Assad warns of greater Israel plan

DAMASCUS, Oct. 2 (AP) — Syrian President Hafez Assad reiterated Thursday that the recent cooperation pact reached between the United States and Israel put the U.S. in direct confrontation with the Arabs.

Assad was addressing Baathist Youth parades following live-ammunition maneuvers held in an unidentified Syrian military base. Damascus radio carried excerpts from the speech.

Assad said the strategic alliance agreement which was reached during Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin's visit to Washington last month was a "grave transaction" that topped the "American plotting" against Syria and the Arabs. He said the agreement "meant that we are now directly confronting the American soldier and American ammunition in Israel."

He said that to say that the agreement was meant against the Soviet Union was "a display of despotism to Arabs in extreme." "Where is the Soviet Union? Is it in Palestine or Jordan or Syria? The Soviet borders are not here," Assad said.

He called on the Arabs to "wake up" to the

"coming danger.... to the meaning of the strategic alliance," adding that the next phase of the "scheme" was to occupy "Arab lands and establish" a greater Israel from the Nile to the Euphrates.

"America and Zionism want us to be puppets and slaves that could be exploited as they want," Assad also charged that "American imperialism and Zionism" were preparing for "an aggression" against Libya, adding Syria "will support Libya in the case of an attack with all our capabilities."

## Ethiopian minister arrives in Tripoli

BEIRUT, Oct. 2 (R) — One of Ethiopia's two senior ministers, Fisseha Desta, arrived in Tripoli Thursday night for a visit to Libya, the official Libyan news agency Jana reported Friday.

Jana did not explain the purpose of the visit or say how long it would be. Libya last month signed a treaty of friendship and cooperation with Ethiopia and South Yemen to counter what the countries termed an increased American military presence in the region.



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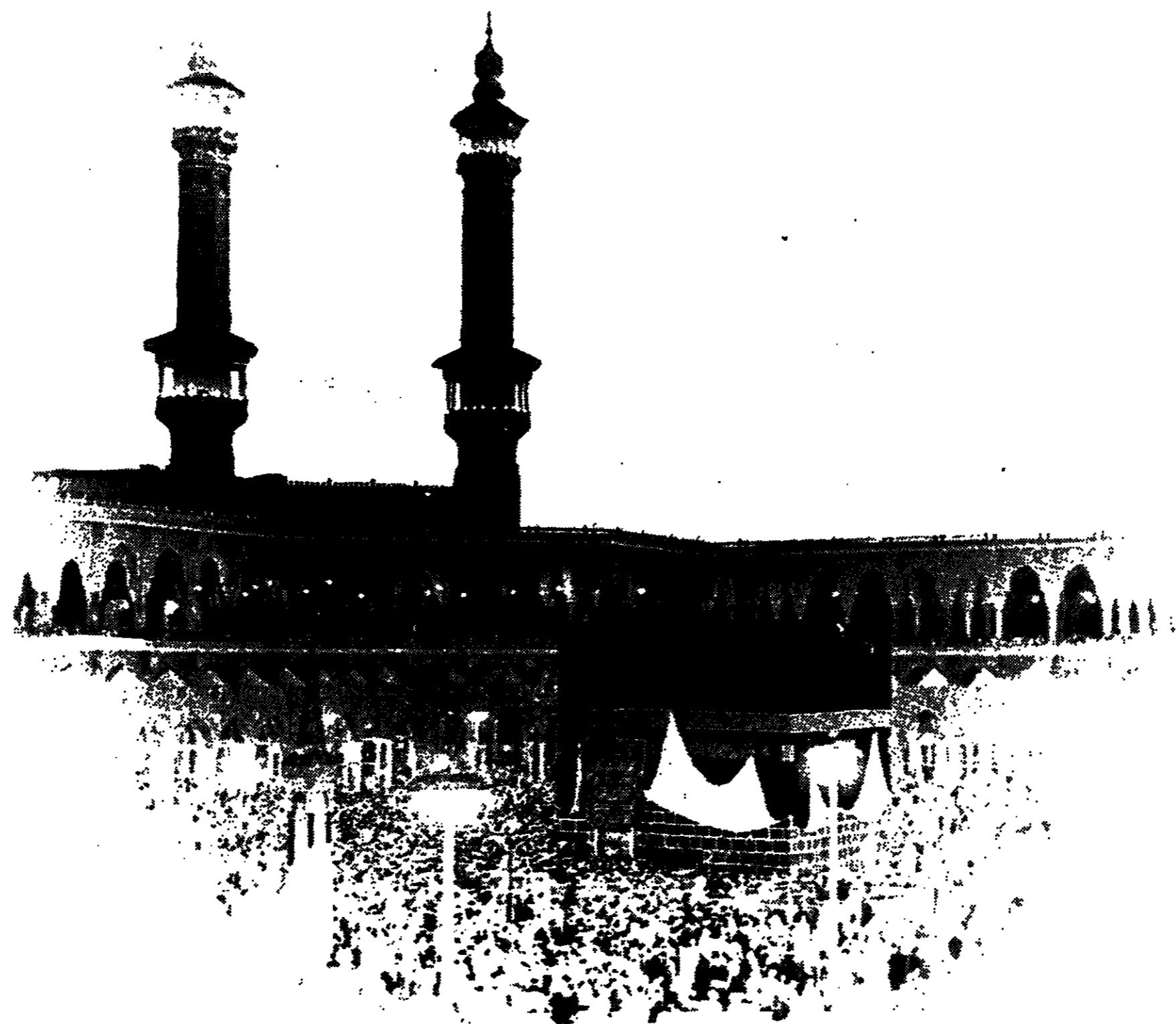
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## BOMBING CAMPAIGN

Car bombs go off in Lebanon nowadays at regular intervals. The victims, innocent civilians, have been numerous: the indiscriminate slaughter of men, women and children seems to be unstoppable.

The grouping behind it, if there is such a grouping at all, had given its name out as "The Organization for the Liberation of Lebanon from Strangers." But the victims were no strangers, but Lebanese civilians going about their own peaceful business, either to work or to school.

This insane method of "liberating" the country has caused many to think the would-be "liberators" are none other than the Israelis, who want to remain in the background while the dirty work is being done for them.

The bombing campaign has plunged the country in one of its deepest phases of depression and added to its already chronic uncertainties. Conjecture is wild, to the extent that there is even talk of the campaign being a part of the attempt to topple the Wazzan government on the part of the "Nationalist Movement."

But the finger of suspicion, in fact more than suspicion, points directly at the Israelis. The aim of the campaign, if this is true, is to continue the war against Lebanon while at the same time avoiding the internal and external repercussions of overt attacks.

By doing so, Israel can claim that it is maintaining the ceasefire sponsored by the United States and the United Nations two months ago. Israel cannot wait for long to resume its attacks on Lebanese and Palestinian targets nor the return of stability to Lebanon works in favor of its occupation designs. The Israeli enemy is looking for a pretext to break the ceasefire to cunningly provoke the Palestinian freedom movement into renewed attrition.

## Saudi Arabian press review

Friday's two newspapers, *Al Jadid* and *Oka*, frontpage Thursday's Iranian aircraft bombing of a Kuwaiti oil installation at Umm Al Aiyah. The papers also gave a prominent page-one story to a plane crash that took place recently south of Tehran and killed 70 top Iranian military commanders.

Commenting on the Iranian air attack on the Kuwaiti oil installation, *Al Jadid* denounced the assault which is the fourth Iranian strike against Kuwaiti positions near the border with Iraq since the outbreak of the Iranian-Iraqi war in September last year. The paper noted the assault came in the wake of the Iranian plane crash that killed more than 70 top Iranian military commanders.

"The recent Iranian attack on northern Kuwait was but an aborted attempt by the Iranian

leadership to contain the reaction of the Iranian people who want to know the real reasons and motives behind the incident that took the lives of their top military leaders," the paper said.

"The incident was also an unsuccessful attempt to distract the people's attention from the deteriorating situation inside Iran," the paper added.

Deploring the aggression of a Muslim country against a sister country, *Oka* branded the unjustified Iranian attack against Kuwait as a point of weakness in the bridge of joint Arab-Islamic action. It expressed the hope that the incident would not be a prelude to a new explosion in the area, engineered by evil elements.

"Islamic spirit should prevail and be strong enough to counter and foil such plots aiming at creating new tragedies in the Arab and Islamic worlds," *Oka* said. (SPA)

## EEC wrangles delay Spain's membership

By Francois Raitberger

### MADRID —

Spain is growing increasingly impatient over conflicting signals about its efforts to join the European Economic Community (EEC). Anxious for the EEC to put its stamp of approval on its young democracy, Spain has seen its entry date delayed by bread-and-butter wrangles among the 10 member countries.

The Madrid government sees France, fearful of competition from cheaper Spanish farm products, as the main obstacle to its early membership. It has been forced to postpone its target entry date from Jan. 1, 1983 to 1984, and experts now say 1985 looks more realistic. "If a country fulfills all democratic requirements and is united to Europe by a common political will, how can you keep it waiting in the garden and not let it into the house just because it produces tomatoes and cucumbers?" Raimundo Bassols, secretary state in charge of relations with the EEC, told Reuters.

Spain, cold-shouldered by Europe during the rule of the late Gen. Franco, sees EEC membership as an insurance against any attempt by nostalgic right-wingers to reestablish dictatorship. The EEC pledged to speed up entry talks after last February's attempted coup, but Bassols said the negotiations, which started over two-and-a-half years ago, were proceeding too slowly.

Experts say the EEC is not prepared to let in an industrialized and agriculturally-rich country of 37 million people without first making sure its own budget and agricultural problems are solved. However, the EEC Council of Ministers agreed earlier last month that talks on Spanish membership, blocked for several months, could resume on those

issues not affected by forthcoming internal EEC budget and common agricultural policy reforms.

Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Perez Llorca said France had changed its attitude and its new Socialist government was more open to dialogue. Nevertheless, President Francois Mitterrand has made it clear that France would face special problems from Spanish membership.

Spanish centrist Prime Minister Leopoldo Dalvo Sotelo, facing a strong Socialist challenge, would gain precious political support if membership talks ended before the next general elections scheduled for 1983.

But the procedure for EEC membership is lengthy. Once the talks end, the agreement on Spain's entry has to be signed by the 10 member countries. Ratification alone could take up to 15 months, some experts say. For Spain to join officially on Jan. 1, 1984, talks would have to end early next year. This is virtually impossible because of the complex problems involved, they add.

The danger, Bassols said, was that the momentum could be lost and disenchantment with the Common Market could spread. "Spain enjoys a unique unanimity in favor of membership among political parties, industrialists, farmers and trade unions. But if the EEC does not show a political will to deal with all issues and achieve membership within a reasonable period, Spanish public opinion will become disenchanted," he said.

"We have done without Europe so far, and if Europe does not want us, we shall go on doing without it," one industrialist said.

There are 15 sections in the membership talks. Bassols said five were virtually completed, including regional policy and transport. Eight others,

including customs union and free circulation of workers, were fairly advanced, he added. But the last two, fisheries and agriculture, are untouched and agriculture is by far the most complex.

Spanish farmers, who comprise over 17 percent of the population as compared with eight percent in France, would benefit most from their country's membership of the EEC. Spanish fruit and vegetable growers stand to gain substantially. Fruit can be grown virtually all year round in the south. And Spain has 1.8 million hectares of vineyards, more than any other country.

Each summer in France lorries carrying cheap Spanish fruit and vegetables are overturned, and French farmers will put up a fight for guarantees before Spain is admitted to the EEC. French Agriculture Ministry officials frankly admit that Spanish entry is linked to protection of French farm goods.

Bassols said the negotiations should mean a fair give and take: "The EEC wants to take over our market, but resists our fruit exports. If it were all negative, we would not want to join."

Spanish industrialists are in much less of a hurry to join than the farmers. EEC membership would remove tax and customs barriers which have shielded them from outside competition for decades. Industrialists are pressing the government to demand a transition period — as yet unspecified — for the introduction of value added tax (VAT). Bassols said Spain was demanding a five to 10-year period to carry out its tariff "disarmament."

He acknowledged Spanish industry would face a serious challenge, but said it was imaginative and would adapt. Spain has good technicians and a hardworking labor force would be attractive for EEC investors, he asserted. (R)

## Angola's war refugees starving

By Mary Chalmers

### LISBON —

About one in 10 of Angola's seven million population is a refugee, according to figures released recently. An estimated 130,000 people, made homeless by South Africa's latest incursion into the south of the country, swell a total of 500,000 refugees quietly starving to death for the past five years in Angola's central provinces. These are mostly peasants left destitute by the civil war which followed Angola's independence from Portugal in 1975.

Exploratory missions of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) penetrated the central highlands for the first time in 1979 and discovered human misery "as bad or worse than the situation found in Kampuchea and East Timor" according to the ICRC's 1980 report. "All the displaced people showed signs of malnutrition. A large number of them were genuinely starving."

The densely-populated highlands of central Angola were the battlefield where Cuban-backed MPLA forces defeated their UNITA rivals in 1975.

"The incident was also an unsuccessful attempt to distract the people's attention from the deteriorating situation inside Iran," the paper added.

Deploring the aggression of a Muslim country against a sister country, *Oka* branded the unjustified Iranian attack against Kuwait as a point of weakness in the bridge of joint Arab-Islamic action. It expressed the hope that the incident would not be a prelude to a new explosion in the area, engineered by evil elements.

"Islamic spirit should prevail and be strong enough to counter and foil such plots aiming at creating new tragedies in the Arab and Islamic worlds," *Oka* said. (SPA)

and 1976. But UNITA, although beaten, was not eliminated. Jonas Savimbi's guerrillas have kept up a bush war in Bie and Huambo provinces which has frightened many peasants from their land and paralyzed the local economy.

The resulting refugee problem remained hidden for years because of central Angola's inaccessibility to outsiders and the government's reluctance publicly to acknowledge the real scale of UNITA activity in the region.

The Marxist government in Luanda decided to break its silence after South Africa launched its attack across the Namibian border on August 23. The southern provinces of Cunene, Cuando, Cubango and Huila were immediately declared disaster areas and the government launched an international appeal for emergency aid. The Red Cross and the United Nations responded rapidly, but neither organization has yet managed to start relief work in the zone.

The ICRC flew a medical team into southern

Angola to set up a field hospital in the South African-occupied town of N'giva, but was subse-

quently refused permission to fly in by the Luanda authorities, despite clearance from Pretoria.

Meanwhile, a team from the United Nations Disaster Relief Organization (UNDRO), which was in Angola during August on a separate mission, originally came to investigate the plight of refugees in the central highlands and the situation of about 280,000 other people in southern Angola, whose food crops have been devastated by a severe drought. It now plans to organize food convoys into the drought and war-stricken areas with Angolan army protection.

Some \$8 million of aid for the war refugees has also been promised by the World Food Program, the United Nations Children's Fund, the International Red Cross and Swedish aid organizations. Bulgaria has also flown \$300,000 worth of emergency supplies into Luanda.

The whole world is dipping into its pocket to help the politically attractive victims of apartheid aggression, but there is a danger that their half million fellow sufferers scattered in remote villages in the central highlands may be forgotten. (ONS)

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## Coffee rescues Uganda economy

By T.R. Lansner

### KAMPALA —

Coffee officials held a party in Kampala recently to celebrate their success in fulfilling the 1980-81 production quota set for Uganda by the International Coffee Organization. Four months ago the feat was thought impossible. But then a management shake-up at the Uganda Coffee Marketing Board, and a long-awaited improvement in cooperation with Kenya led to vastly accelerated exports through Kenya's Indian Ocean port of Mombasa.

With 95 percent of Uganda's foreign exchange earned from coffee sales, there was reason for jubilation. Instead of facing a cut in its international quota (nearly inevitable had there been a shortfall), Uganda is demanding a one-third increase to 160,000 tons.

The coffee board chairman, army Chief of Staff Brig. Oyite Oyito, has announced a bonus for all of the coffee board's workers — a packet of coffee, sugar and soap, and a safari blanket. Small as the gift may seem, it is equal to several months' pay for most workers. Even with wages more than doubled in August for lowest paid workers, high inflation makes pay packets virtually worthless.

Government planners say President Milton Obote's radical free market budget measures introduced in June are beginning to take hold. Prices of most essential commodities have dropped sharply in the last two months, though they still remain very high.

The main aim of the new measures is to attract large-scale backing from the international business community, and it is apparently succeeding. Representatives of the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and International Finance Corporation have visited Uganda over the past two months.

According to Ephram Kamuntu, the country's *de facto* finance minister, all those visitors were satisfied with the direction of Uganda's efforts to rebuild its economy. The IMF is the largest donor, offering \$179 million in loans for the next year. The second of four slices is due for release in November but could be delayed or denied should Uganda's financial program go awry.

After a visit by the IMF's regional director for Africa, Louis Goraux, last month, Kamuntu is confident that will not happen. "There will be no problem," he said. "The program has worked according to plan. The IMF is satisfied."

Other funds available include \$95 million from the World Bank, \$40 million from its affiliate IFC to finance sugar works, about \$25 million from the European Economic Community and more than \$60 from Western countries.

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# Poor forced out of Buenos Aires; suburb shanty town holds 500,000

By Douglas Grant Mine

BUENOS AIRES (AP) — Ragged children play in dusty alleys and on the rubble of demolished shanties. Paraguayan harp music drifts through the air as women labor over washboards in sudsy tubs.

This is a "villa miseria" or shanty town, a lifestyle being pushed out of the federal capital. In 1977, a year after the military took power and a year before the world cup soccer championship, the municipality of Buenos Aires decided to eradicate 33 squalid villas where more than 250,000 people lived.

The deadline was 1981, and it has nearly

been met. About 30,000 squatters remain in a handful of villas, each a fraction of its size four years ago. The problem, however, has only moved to the suburbs. Roman Catholic priests active among the "villeros" estimate that nearly 500,000 people live in shanty towns surrounding the capital.

Guillermo Fernandez Gil, an official of Buenos Aires province, said the province is studying its own eradication program but, "if we said we will have this problem solved by 1984, we would be lying." The villas were born in the 1950s, when rapid industrialization and full employment lured migrants from the provinces and neighboring countries, especially Bolivia and Paraguay.

Squatters, whose numbers trebled between 1965 and 1975, camped on municipal land and built houses of scrapwood, corrugated metal, block and brick. In 1977, the military government passed a law providing for the eradication of the villas and the creation — it did not say how — of conditions allowed the villeros to live in "decent housing."

Ferain Medina, a Barracas villero who represents the community's 600 families in dealings with the city, says, "The villeros have complied with the 1977 law, but the city has not." A committee representing five city villas said earlier this year: "We have been beaten, threatened with arms, obliged to sign documents saying we left voluntarily, transferred from one villa to another in garbage trucks and left exposed to the elements."

However, villeros say the heavy-handed tactics ceased soon after President Roberto E. Viola took office last March. The government is now offering easy term loans sufficient to buy a small plot outside the city as an incentive to leave. The five-villa committee recently expressed its "grateful surprise" but lamented "that the 30,000 families removed in the last four years did not receive any economic aid and they were no less needy than us."

Some squatters returned to homes in the provinces, Bolivia or Paraguay, with train tickets provided by the government. Some moved to land they already owned outside the city.

However, "the great majority of these people have merely transferred their marginality," said Rem. Jose Meisegeier, who has ministered to villeros for more than 10 years. A half-dozen priests have organized cooperatives and bought land outside the city and materials for villeros to build new homes.

The projects, fund mainly by donations and the church but with some municipal support, have built 1,700 homes at one tenth the cost which the national housing fund uses in estimating its expenses. In some cooperatives, the villeros pay back the cost of their home, about \$2,000, over 10 years in inflation-adjusted installments. That money is used to buy land for more cooperatives.

In Villa Barracas, there is one water tap for every 20 families. The state electric company has run lines in but does not charge the residents for power. For years, the lights, refrigerators and even televisions in the villas ran on current pirated from lines. It is for the most part a squalid existence, but it is nearly expense free and there are villeros who do not want trade it for a piece of land outside the city.

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The Youth Award has the approval of Prince Faisal, President of Youth Welfare and Sports, and its Chairman of Patrons is Jeddah's Mayor Farsi. Patrons include the ambassadors for the United Kingdom, United States, Argentina, Germany, India and Kenya.

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AWARD OFFICIALS: James Foster, left, director of the President's Award program in Kenya tries out the electronic organ. The acting chief librarian in the center holds the boxed tapes of the Qur'an, while right, John White watches.

## 8 Saudi Arabian youths complete exciting wild African adventure

By Kathy Lund

JEDDAH — Following in the pawmarks of a prowling lion through the African bush: foraging for eggs and vegetables to eat; eating with tribes people in remote mountain regions... these adventures and more became all part of an African trek for eight young people from Saudi Arabia who have just completed a tough 70-mile expedition on foot through rugged mountain and rainforest country in Kenya. The young people, aged from 16 to 24, are all participants in the Saudi Arabian Youth Award Program and are working toward their gold medal.

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into the desert in the Kingdom," said White, "so the Kenya trip followed on from that. The young people were asked to raise a certain amount of money to help cover their expenses, but we also received generous support from Saudi."

"To get the trip organized we contacted the Kenya President's Award Organization in Nairobi and they took care of the logistics of the expedition, and selected the area. We received help at this end from the Kenyan ambassador. Now that the trek is over all participants are being asked to write reports on various aspects of the things they saw and studied, such as the indigenous people, climate, wildlife."

The group came back with some exciting stories, like the day they followed some big game marks through the bush, to discover only later that they had been right on the heels of a lion. One two occasions they joined tribespeople for an evening meal. The group would be trekking through the forest and the next minute their would be a friendly "Jambu" (hello in Swahili) as a tribesman appeared from nowhere. The young people were treated very warmly by the local people."

At the end of the adventure the Saudi Embassy in Nairobi hosted a reception for the group. During the evening Mahmoud Taha presented a special gift from Mayor Farsi, a boxed set of tape recordings of readings from the Qur'an, to the Acting Chief Librarian of the MacMillan Memorial Library in Nairobi. The library is adjacent to the mosque and Islamic Cultural Center so the recordings will be available to the whole Muslim community. The Saudi Arabian Youth Award also presented an electronic organ to be used for the benefit of young people in Kenya.

### Medical study underway

## Car pollution, cancer are linked

By Allan Parachini

ing water, seasonal temperature levels and, finally, the concentrations of motor vehicles.

Robertson knew that the case he would build probably would amount to identification of nothing more positive than circumstantial evidence. Nonetheless, he started gathering data from his target cities and feeding the information to his computer.

Robertson obtained cancer-death-rate data for each city, as well, getting the computer to look for evidence of relationships between environmental factors quantified starting in 1960 and cancer mortality 10 years later.

What Robertson found was a trend identified in a handful of earlier studies on three different continents but never fully documented. Of all the factors Robertson studied, motor-vehicle concentration appeared to be the most significant.

When results of his study were published in November 1980, Robertson reported that in the 10-year period from 1960 to 1970, "for every 1,000 more motor vehicles per square mile in a city relative to the others in 1960, there were about five more cancer deaths per 100,000 population in 1970," taking all of the other environmental factors into account.

That is not to say, Robertson emphasized, that vehicle pollution is the biggest cancer killer in cities. Direct exposure to carcinogens at work, and smoking — both factors that were not included in his study of the more subtle environmental meld — probably are more directly responsible for significant numbers of deaths, Robertson said.

The interrelationship of the factors is subtle. Los Angeles, for instance, with an estimated city vehicle concentration of 2,850 per square mile, had an estimated 1970 city cancer death rate of 170 per 100,000 population. Southern California's warm climate and the comparatively low percentage — 9.6 — of adult employment in basic industry apparently affected the rate.

Washington, D.C., where almost no one works in basic industry — 1.7 percent — had a higher cancer rate, 206, and a far higher concentration of cars. That was estimated by Robertson at 4,234 per square mile.

The vehicle estimates attempt to take into account the reality that any given city may have a vehicle concentration far higher than car registrations might indicate, because of commuter and tourist traffic. Miami, with an estimated 5,462 vehicles per square mile — has a cancer rate of 196, with only 2.9 percent of the population employed in basic industry. Chicago's car concentration is lower than Miami's — 4,464 — but 21.4 percent of

adults work in industry. Chicago's cancer rate was estimated at 191. Gary, Ind., with few cars — 1,701 per square mile — but enormous steel works and a cold climate, had a cancer death rate of 211, according to Robertson's figures.

Robertson found some reason for optimism, even though his data fingered the motor vehicle, a commodity that is unlikely to disappear from the urban scene. He said that although city auto populations are unlikely to shrink, increasingly effective pollution devices added to cars in the last few years will start to measurably decrease the cancer responsibility of autos in the next 15 years.

Potentially, Robertson said, big drops in vehicle-caused cancer could happen this way: The U.S. Department of Transportation estimates that, by 1990, hydrocarbon emissions from vehicles — the key exhaust ingredient tagged as carcinogenic — may decrease by 85 percent, compared to their levels before devices were strictly required in 1972.

That means, Robertson said, that during the decade of the 1990s, there should be a payoff from the effective pollution control, as people exposed to emissions age in an era in which the worst polluting vehicles from the '60s and early '70s largely have been retired from service. It is however, Robertson concedes, a rather long time to wait.

All of those observations depend, Robertson concedes, on the assumption that his belief that there is a strong connection between urban motor-vehicle pollution and cancer deaths is accurate. He concedes the evidence is not yet in the category of the apocalyptic smoking pistol.

"The circumstantial evidence is very good," Robertson said, "and when you put all the circumstantial evidence together, you have reasonable evidence, but certainly not absolute proof."

Robertson, however, is resolute. He sees three major options: Better mass transportation; tamper-proof pollution devices or effective persuasion so the public won't tinker with the equipment, or reduced use of cars.

It galls Robertson that the commuter bus service he uses to get to work at Yale recently upped its fares by 30 percent, and that leaded gasoline is still cheaper than unleaded — a stupid temptation, he says, for motorists to cut short-term fuel costs and increase the prospect they may die of lead-related pollution.

"One thing that this points out," he said reflectively, "is that perhaps you don't need to wait for all of the evidence before you do something about it."



RECEPTION: Huzafar Malla, left and Ayaz Baig, center, Indian members of the expedition talk with the Indian cultural attache.

## Idle control, coal-fueled automobile could reduce energy use, basic costs

LONDON — Two new developments

promise to reduce the cost of operating automobiles. One device shuts off the car's engine when it is idling and two prototype cars have been developed which will operate on coal.

A common way for drivers to save gasoline is to shut off the car's engine while it is idling and restart it when the time comes to accelerate. Now, a device manufactured by Zemco, Inc. in San Ramon, California, and undergoing tests in Ford cars, gasoline can be saved by merely applying and releasing the brake

pedal.

A computer-controlled device mounted on the dashboard stops and starts the engine automatically. Sensors signal the computer when brakes are applied and the automobile has stopped moving. The computer then alerts an underhood relay and the engine is cut off.

When it's time to get going again, the driver simply takes his foot off the brake and the engine restarts. An override button built into the dashboard display unit allows the driver to temporarily disconnect the device if,

for example, the car will be idling for only a second or two.

In tests with the device in a Ford Fairmont, fuel economy increased by 3.1 miles per gallon. Without the device the Fairmont does an average of 18.4 miles per gallon.

General Motors has developed two prototype cars that run on coal. The new cars burn finely ground coal which GM estimates could be produced for \$4.00 per million BTUs (British thermal units) as compared to \$7.00 per million BTUs for crude oil.

# Leftists humbled as Labor talks end

BRIGHTON, England, Oct. 2 (Agencies) — Britain's opposition Labor Party wound up its annual conference Friday after a tumultuous week in which the party's moderate wing inflicted sharp reversals on the left, headed by former Energy Minister Tony Benn.

The 1,200 delegates gathered at this seaside resort, joined in the traditional singing of the party anthem, with leader Michael Foot, appearing in control for the first time since taking over the ideological torn party a year ago.

"The Labor Party is now right back in the center of the political stage and the main challenger to the Tory (Conservative) government," said Foot. During the conference, Benn, acknowledged chief of the Labor left, narrowly lost his bid to oust moderate Denis Healey from the party's deputy leadership.

This was followed by Benn supporters losing control of Labor's 29-member national executive. But the conference passed a series of hard-line votes for unilateral disarmament, withdrawal from the European Economic Community and Socialist economic reforms which gave it a proposed platform well left of the moderate socialism of previous postwar labor administrations.

After the 80th annual conference drew to a close, political observers here said they believed labor had increased its chances of coming to power in 1984. And for the first time in months an opinion poll, conducted shortly after Healey narrowly beat Benn, showed Labor as favorites over Margaret Thatcher's Conservatives.

The real winner, however, was party leader Michael Foot who succeeded in maintaining Healey as deputy leader of the party. Furthermore, for the first time in ten years, the party's right-wing seized control of the left-wing-dominated national executive committee.

Foot also did much better than his predecessor James Callaghan in creating a more harmonious relationship with the trade unions which, political observers said, altogether made Foot a more credible candidate for the prime ministry.

Benn, who leads the party's left-wing, appeared determined to pursue his campaign after having narrowly (by 0.8 percent) lost his bid for the deputy leadership. Benn wants labor members of parliament to defend and apply conference resolutions—usually more left-oriented than the majority of laborite MPs would like—once they come to power.



TROOPS REVIEWED: El Salvador President Jose Napoleon Duarte reviews troops on his arrival in San Salvador Thursday after a tour of the United States.

## To end civil war Salvador rebels favor talks

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (AP) — El Salvador's anti-government forces, though gaining strength, still favor negotiations as the fastest way to end the civil war with the U.S.-backed junta, a Salvadoran opposition leader says.

The anti-government fighters "do not reject elections" but are insisting on prior negotiations, opposition spokesman Ruben Zamora said in response to a 10-day visit to the United States by El Salvador's President Jose Napoleon Duarte.

Duarte has proposed elections in March 1982 to elect a constituent assembly that would draw up a constitution. Presidential elections would follow in 1983.

Duarte said he would allow the leftist umbrella organization for most Salvadoran opposition groups to join in the elections if it abandons the armed struggle and breaks with the guerrillas of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front.

Zamora said Thursday that if opposition political figures accepted Duarte's plan, they would be in danger of assassination by the Salvadoran security forces, which have often been accused of human rights violations.

"To ask our forces to give up their weapons and to place ourselves at the mercy of the army and the police will be political and physical suicide," Zamora told a news conference here.

Zamora said that while the opposition would set no preconditions to negotiations, it would not permit exclusion of any of its forces and wanted to devise a way for the Salvadoran people to approve any results of the talks.

Zamora suggested "the presence of international mediators" but ruled out the United States from the role because of its strong support for the military-civilian junta.

On the military situation in El Salvador, Zamora said guerrilla forces had shown with a recent offensive that they could operate all over the country and had "the capacity to attack and take government garrisons."

## Salim, Waldheim exchange 'friendly' views

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 2 (AP) — Two announced candidates for the job of U.N. secretary-general discussed the forthcoming election Thursday as one of the prospective referees stood by.

Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, an Austrian, and Tanzanian Foreign Minister Salim Ahmad Salim, his leading rival for the coming five-year term, met in the office of the president of the U.N. General Assembly, Ismat T. Kittani of Iraq.

Kittani's spokesman, Joe Sills, told reporters the two men got together there before the assembly's morning meeting and talked for 40 or 50 minutes. He concluded: "There was a very friendly and cordial exchange of views in the presence of the president of the assembly on matters before the General Assembly, including the election of the secretary-general."

Sills declined to elaborate. Waldheim's second five-year term in the top U.N. post runs out at the end of this year. He has announced his availability for an unprecedented third term.

## Swiss arrest Soviet spies

BERN, Switzerland, Oct. 2 (AP) — The Swiss government, ending more than two months of official silence, Friday disclosed the arrest of an alleged Soviet agent and his East German wife, charging they had used Switzerland as their base for espionage activities. It announced that formal protests were made to the Soviet and East German embassies in Bern.

The suspects were not identified. A communiqué issued by the Federal Justice and Police Department said the man and woman, aged 41 and 40, respectively, were arrested last July at Zurich Airport as they were about to head for "abroad, where they were to attend a secret meeting." It said that both had made statements admitting their intelligence role.

Department spokesman Ulrich Hubacher said the couple's target was "a non-European country in which the Soviet Union has a special interest because of developments there." He declined to comment on information from unoffical sources that the country was Iran. The communiqué noted that the espionage activities started in 1978.

The man was described as an officer of the Soviet KGB "trained in Moscow and in East Berlin." According to the communiqué, he married his wife, an employee of the East German state security service, in 1974 shortly before their joint assignment. It said they then married again under false names in Denmark.

The communiqué said they had been under orders to report "on the political developments (in the target country) as well as on the role of the army and of the paramilitary organizations."

## Makes up 1% of universe Huge space void found

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (AP) — What's big enough to hold 2,000 galaxies with their billions of stars and still not be crowded? Absolutely nothing.

And that's what U.S. astronomers found deep in space — a big area of nothing, a huge void that makes up more than 1 percent of the entire visible universe. Scientists said Thursday that the vast region of empty space appears almost devoid of galaxies or other large bodies.

Dr. Robert Kirshner of Ann Arbor said it is larger than any previously detected, so vast that 2,000 galaxies the size of the milky way ordinarily would be found within a space of that size, he said.

"We've known for a long time that there are voids out there, but nothing like this," Kirshner said in a telephone interview. "It's a much bigger thing than anybody expected."

Astronomers said this "hole" in space is about 300 million light years across. By comparison, a galaxy like the milky way is a mere 100,000 light years in diameter. A light year is the distance light travels through space in a year at 186,326 miles (299,854 kms) per second, or about 6 trillion miles (9.7 trillion kms).

Kirshner said the void is about 400 million light years from our solar system and increasing in size as galaxies of stars near its boundaries pull closer together because of their gravity.

The astronomer said the void probably is not totally empty and could contain some gases and maybe even small galaxies too.

tiny to be seen from earth. In any case, he added, there isn't much there. Scientists have long known that galaxies tend to clump together into clusters, but it was only recently that they started paying attention to the voids between them.

As part of a program to map galactic clusters in three dimensions to learn about their formation, an effort partially funded by the National Science Foundation, scientists now must examine those voids, Kirshner said. May cosmologists who study the origin and nature of the universe believe that galaxies were once more evenly distributed across the heavens.

But Dr. Paul L. Schechter of the Kitt Peak National Observatory in Arizona, one of those who discovered the super void, said this changed with time. According to the theory, he said, galaxies in denser regions came together to form clusters and those in less dense regions moved away to form voids.

Schechter said that when the universe, estimated to be about 15 billion years old, was very young, "the density of stars and galaxies may have been nearly equal in the two kinds of regions." The scientists found the super void when they turned telescopes in the direction of the constellation Bootes.

"To have found a population density of less than three times the average would have been a rare find," Schechter said. "But finding that the density is about 10 times less than the average is exceedingly hard to understand."

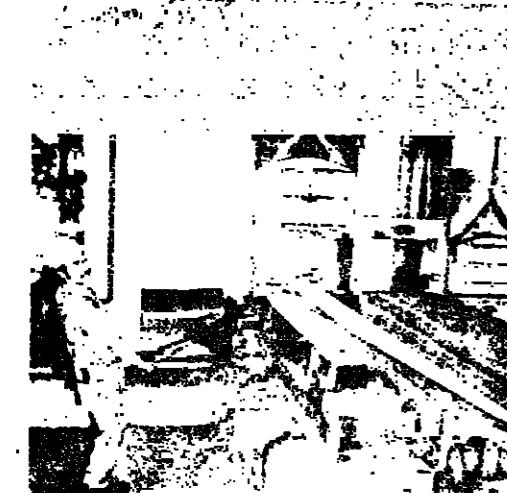
## Nicaragua shuts paper

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Oct. 2 (AP) — Government officials Thursday shut down the opposition newspaper *La Prensa* for the second time this week in apparent retaliation for the paper's criticism of rigid communication laws that have forced it to suspend publication five times in the last three months.

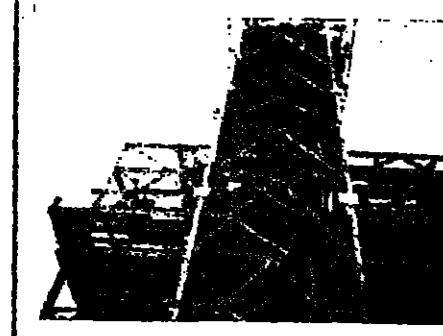
*La Prensa* was suspended for two days by the revolutionary government here Tuesday for publishing an interview with a prominent industrialist whose business was nationalized after he was accused of funneling capital out of the country.

Because of the interview the paper was charged with making "serious charges without presenting proof against public officials and the revolutionary government."

On the front page of the Thursday morning edition of *La Prensa*, on its first day back in circulation after the two-day suspension declared Tuesday, one editorialist called the government-imposed closure "a wicked penalty."



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# Indian extremists resume violent acts

NEW DELHI, Oct. 2 (AFP) — The extremist pro-Peking Communist group known as the Naxalites has resumed violent activities in at least three Indian states — West Bengal in the northeast and Tamil Nadu and Kerala in the south, observers have noted here.

Both newspapers and the left-alliance government in West Bengal have expressed concern over the new violence, which has been attributed by observers to a faction favoring Lin Biao, a former deputy to the late Chinese Communist Party chairman Mao Tse-Tung. Lin died in a 1971 air crash after trying to take power.

West Bengal chief secretary A.K. Sen acknowledged last week that extremist activities have become "serious," and sought public cooperation to check them. He attributed several murders and other incidents, including weapons thefts, to the Naxalites since last January. One significant incident blamed on the Naxalites was the shooting last week of a policeman in Calcutta, the capital of West Bengal.

The Naxalites began their activities in 1967 in the northwestern region of Naxalbari, by staging an armed uprising for landless labor. They later spread their activities to Calcutta, where murders of police were commonplace until a massive crackdown in 1970 throughout West Bengal.

They were outlawed in 1975 by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi under an emergency powers act that also banned 20 other opposition groups. But the Naxalites resumed their activities during the premiership of Morarji Desai, who released several Naxalite leaders after taking office in 1977. Until recently,

## Judy shoes fetch \$12,000 in auction

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 (AP) — An anonymous family has paid \$12,000 for a pair of shoes that will probably never be worn. But that didn't faze the gleeful "Wizard of Oz" fans who bought Dorothy's enchanted ruby slippers.

The family bid via telephone during a spirited auction at the Christie's for the red-sequined shoes worn by Judy Garland in the 1939 MGM classic. "They were very pleased. You should have heard the screaming," said Kyle Samperton, a Christie's employee who relayed the customers' winning bid to the auctioneer.

As many as 10 pairs of ruby slippers were made for the movie. But the slippers sold Thursday are believed to be the ones that were on the silver screen when Glinda, the good witch of the north, magically put them on Dorothy's feet and when Dorothy clicked her heels together to get back to Kansas.

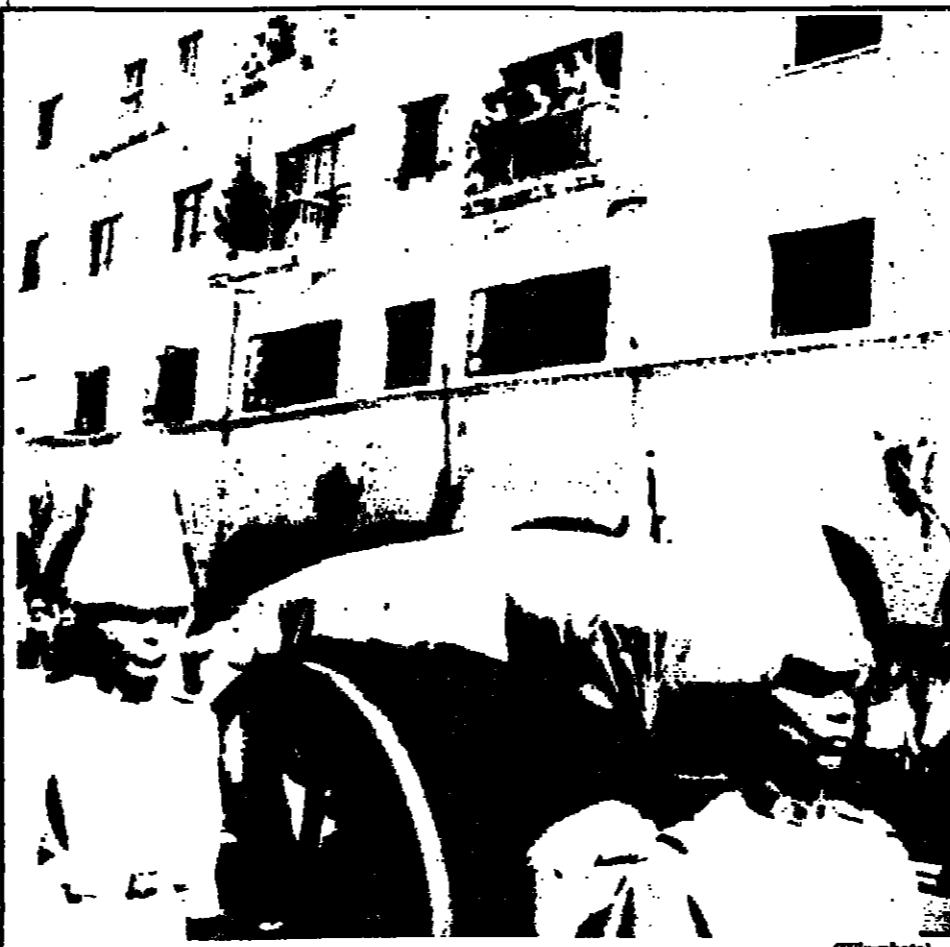
Julie Miller, the auction specialist who organized the sale, said this pair apparently was used for close-ups of Dorothy's feet, because the shoes are in good condition and have slick red leather soles.

violence had been limited to rural areas. But a raid on a police camp near Calcutta last March confirmed the spread to cities, and one report said the Naxalites had claimed a government in an outlying Calcutta suburb. Other Naxalites reportedly have been functioning in the central state of Andhra Pradesh, the eastern state of Bihar and in the far eastern districts of West Bengal and Malda near Bangladesh.

But the Naxalites have been weakened by dissensions. There are 20 different Naxalite groups, six of them around Calcutta. Co-founder Kanu Sanyal, who has rejected the class annihilation theory espoused by the late Charu Mazumdar, known as the "Indian Mao," has claimed some progress in trying to reunite the various factions.

## Floods claim 1,000 in Nepal

KATHMANDU, Oct. 2 (AFP) — At least 1,000 persons were killed by floods in southern Nepal at the beginning of this week, the weekly magazine *Restra Parker* reported here Friday. The magazine quoted from the Butawal district, inundated by the Timau River after torrential rains Monday night.



VENEZUELAN HOMAGE: Caracas residents watch from balconies as the coffin of former President Romulo Betancourt is taken to the National Congress building Thursday. Scores of Venezuelans paid homage to their leader, who died in New York Monday, as the body lay in state at the building.

### Ex-spy writes memoirs

## U.K. 'sabotaged' Soviet plane

LONDON, Oct. 2 (AFP) — The Soviet Tupolev-144 supersonic transport (SST) which crashed near Paris in 1973 was a victim of the British secret service, according to former spy Greville Wynne.

Wynne says in his autobiography due to appear next month, *The Man From Odessa*, that the Russian SST crashed during the Bourget air show because it was built on false information gleaned from the British Aircraft Corporation (BAC), co-builders with France of the Concorde supersonic airliner.

M16, the British secret service, realized in 1962 that the Russians had a spy at BAC when they produced the Ilyushin-62, a splitting image of the British-built VC-10, Wynne writes. M16 and BAC then decided not to unmask the spy, but feed him false information on the Concorde, which he relayed to Moscow. This went on for years, he said, until the Bourget air show in 1973 when the TU-144 — ironically dubbed the "Concordy" because of its resemblance to the Franco-British plane — crashed near Goussainville, killing 13 persons, including six crew members.

Wynne, who is now a rose exporter in the Balearic island of Majorca, was sentenced to eight years in jail by a Moscow court for espionage in 1962. He was exchanged two years later with master-spy Gordon Lonsdale.

In his memoirs which, according to *The Times* of London, are "about to cause a stir in Whitehall," Wynne claimed that Western powers knew of the plans to build the Berlin Wall 18 months in advance. Construction of the wall could have been prevented, he believed, if the United States had taken a

stronger stand at the time.

Wynne's career as an intelligence agent began in 1939, when he was recruited by MI5, the security service, to spy on officers whose allegiance to the crown was in doubt. He went into business after World War II, but was re-recruited by M16 ten years later, in 1955, to set up business contacts in the Communist bloc.

During his years as a spy, he helped a Soviet officer, Maj. Sergei Kuznov, defect, and he gathered intelligence on Cuba with Soviet double agent Oleg Penkovski. He was arrested in Moscow during a meeting with Penkovski, who was sentenced to death and hanged in 1964, the same year that Wynne and Lonsdale were exchanged at the Berlin Wall.

### Uganda bus blown up

KAMPALA, Oct. 2 (AFP) — Unidentified attackers blew up a civilian bus north of Kampala Thursday, killing several persons including the driver, a Kampala vernacular weekly *Ngabo* reported Friday.

The newspaper said the attack took place at Semuto village, in Luwero district, 64 kms north of Kampala, but gave no other details.

Last Sunday 40 persons were reported killed and 30 others injured when a landmine blew up a truck in nearby Ngoma village. On Sept. 11, 23 persons were killed in a grenade attack on a bus at Namanve, on the road to the frontier with Kenya. Government officials initially blamed the tragedy on a landmine explosion, but survivors said the grenade was hurled at the bus by nervous soldiers.

## Thai curbs on refugees

# Soviets said increasing Indochina involvement

BANGKOK, Oct. 2 (Agencies) — The Soviet Union is pumping more men and hardware into Cambodia as well as Vietnam and Laos, Prasong Soonsiri, the Thai national security chief, said here Friday. Addressing a news conference, he claimed that more than 300 Soviet technicians had been sent to the Cambodian deep-water port of Kompong Som — "Not too far from Thailand."

Prasong said Soviet "battleships" were also using the Cambodian port in addition to the former U.S. base at Cam Ranh Bay in Vietnam. He said Soviet activities throughout Indochina had increased visibly in the past year. "The threat from outside is more serious than the situation inside Thailand," he said.

The security chief predicted the Soviet Union would provide less food aid to the hungry Indochinese states because of its own poor grain harvest prospects this year. He estimated that Cambodia would suffer a food shortfall of "not less than 300,000 metric tons" or one-third more than previously forecast by United Nations relief officials.

Prasong said his country was modifying its open door policy toward Indochinese refugees to one of trying to curb their inflow through "humane deterrence." He said over the next year all but four refugee camps in Thailand would be closed down and that as of last Aug. 15 Vietnamese "boat people" have only been allowed ashore on a case-by-case basis.

Prasong said that a percentage of the refugees now arriving can be considered "economic adventurers" who leave Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia merely to improve their standards of living in the United States or Western Europe.

He said refugees now in Thailand would also be encouraged to return to their countries. Although he painted a bleak picture of

today's Cambodia, Prasong nonetheless said many Cambodian refugees could return to their country with relative safety. The policy of "humane deterrence" normally includes making conditions in refugee camps less attractive and thus discouraging would-be refugees, he said.

Although not directly accusing the Soviet Union of being the supplier, Prasong charged that "a certain body of evidence" existed that chemical and bacteriological agents were being used against resistance groups, and in some cases civilians, in Laos and Cambodia. The security chief said that Thailand would welcome any qualified international team, especially a U.N. committee set up to deal with the matter, to investigate.

### Explosive thrown at U.S. consulate

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil Oct. 2 (AP) — Attackers in a passing car hurled a fire bomb at the U.S. consulate here, but police said it caused no damage and no one was injured. The explosive — a Coco-Cola bottle filled with a flammable liquid — was thrown Thursday night at the consulate building near the South American city's bay front, said a police spokesman.

Consular press spokesman Anthony B. Chillico said Friday he did not see any signs of damage to the building.

There were no immediate claims of responsibility for the bombing. It came hours after a group of South Vietnamese refugees demonstrated outside the consulate. The Vietnamese are petitioning for visas so they can emigrate from Brazil to the United States. It was not known if there was any connection between the bombing and the demonstration.

### BRIEFS

MUNSTER, West Germany (R) — Gunmen stormed into a bank in this northwest German city Friday and took four staff members and several customers hostage, police said. The police did not say what demands the raiders had made. Two customers, both women, were released shortly afterward.

LAS VEGAS, Nevada (AP) — An underground nuclear blast with a yield of between 20,000 and 150,000 tons of TNT was successfully detonated Thursday at the Nevada test site, the U.S. Department of Energy said. The test was the 13th announced this year at the test site.

THE HAGUE (R) — The Dutch Meteorological Institute (KHM) said it recorded an underground nuclear explosion at the Soviet testing grounds on the Arctic island of Novaya Zemlya Thursday. Most Soviet nuclear tests were conducted in western Siberia. The last test on Novaya Zemlya was a year ago.

PARIS (AP) — Two imprisoned political activists, on hunger strike to protest their exclusion from the prison amnesty proclaimed after President Francois Mitterrand took office last spring, have been temporarily freed for health reasons, official sources here said Thursday.

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**To boost imports**

# Japan acts to avert showdown with West

TOKYO, Oct. 2 (R) — Japan Friday announced a program to quicken its economic recovery and ease trade friction with other industrial democracies, including increased imports as well as industrial and technological cooperation with West Europe.

The broad plan adopted by cabinet economic ministers and leaders of the ruling party underscored official concern here over Japan's booming exports, especially to the United States and the European Economic Community (EEC).

It also follows signs that the Japanese economy, the world's biggest after the United States, is shaking off stagnation slower than expected, although at a much faster pace than other leading industrial nations. Japanese industrial leaders gave a guarded welcome to the measures, which in only a few instances, such as additional oil purchases for stockpiling, gave specific targets.

A government spokesman gave no details of the planned boost to imports, particularly of manufactured goods as well as rare and strategic metals such as molybdenum for stockpiling, but officials said Japan might enlarge import of some items and reduce tariffs.

The ministers pledged that Japan would maintain its strict but flexible monetary policy. In contrast to Britain and the United States, which also uphold firm monetarism,

Japan is placing great emphasis on the public sector to help economic expansion.

The spokesman said efforts would be made to speed up public works contracts, especially for smaller companies. The finance Ministry said today that 60.5 percent of the 14,290 billion yen (\$61.3 billion) earmarked for public works contracts in fiscal 1981, ending next March, had been awarded in the first five months.

The economic cabinet council, chaired by Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, revised downwards to 4.7 percent from 5.3 percent in real terms Japan's fiscal 1981 economic growth target following a base year change from 1970 to 1975. This compares with 3.8 percent growth last year under the new period.

The original target for a \$7.98 billion visible trade surplus this year remained unchanged, although in the first eight months of calendar 1981 it climbed to \$10.99 billion on the back of huge exports, with a \$3.43 billion deficit in the same 1980 period.

The spokesman said plans to increase the state oil stockpile by 30 percent to 69.18 million barrels, enough for 18 days, should slash at least \$800 million from the surplus. These extra purchases by Japan, which relies on imports for almost all its oil, would be in addition to private stocks covering 109 days' needs.

GENEVA, Oct. 2 (AP) — The woman typist-secretary, hallowed tradition in the business office, is on the way out and the male expert of new technologies is on the way in, says the International Federation of White Collar Workers.

It concluded that the commercial office jobs held mostly by women "are being eliminated entirely or downgraded, while the new technically qualified jobs which will be created at the same time will be those traditionally done by men."

The conclusion is from a survey of the federation's 190 member unions in 84 countries on the impact of the new machinery, including in particular data and word processors, laser scanners and computers.

The federation reported its member unions claimed that both in commercial and industrial offices the newly applied equipment leads to increased stress of workers and is being used by employers to keep a check on the workers.

In the commerce sector most forms of the new technology means an increase in the

# Moscow deal on gas runs into snags

BONN, Oct. 2 (R) — The Soviet Union is still asking too high a price for the Siberian gas it proposes to sell to Western Europe under a controversial East-West pipeline deal, West German industry sources have said.

They said Soviet negotiators would have to modify their pricing goals if they wanted the deal wrapped up in the time for a late November visit to Bonn by President Leonid Brezhnev.

West German industry officials say they think the Russians certainly would like Brezhnev's visit to coincide with conclusion of negotiations on the pipeline project, which has been criticized in the United States as it would make Western Europe too dependent on Soviet energy.

About 40 billion cubic meters a year of Siberian gas would flow to West Europe from the mid-1980s, about 13 percent of total West European gas demand projected for 1990.

Contracts for pipeline compressor stations were awarded last week to West German, French and Italian firms, but negotiations on the gas price are stalled.

A spokesman of the West German Energy group Ruhrgas, which is seeking 12 billion cubic meters of the gas annually, said its price talks were at a standstill and it detected no movement in Soviet price negotiations with other would-be customers.

Ruhrgas declined to say what prices were quoted, but *Petroleum Intelligence* weekly, a New York oil industry newsletter, said Soviet negotiators originally asked for a guaranteed minimum price, at the top of the range of current world natural gas quotes.

It said the Russians were not prepared to respond to pressure to reduce this pending the outcome of current gas price talks between France and Algeria.

## Jordan unveils \$10b 5-year plan

AMMAN, Oct. 2 (R) — The Jordanian council of ministers has approved Jordan's new five-year development plan, which focuses on industry, the official news agency Petra reported.

The plan calls for the spending of some 3,300 million dinars (\$10 billion) over the next five years, the agency said. "Of the investment, 61 percent has been allocated for the central government and public institutions, while 39 percent will go to the private sector," it added.

# Food output loses momentum

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (AP) — World food production is losing momentum and will not be able to meet demand if population keeps growing, according to a report Thursday from a population study group.

That means food prices will continue to rise in the future, said the report's author, Lester R. Brown of the Worldwatch Institute.

His study, published by the private Population Reference Bureau, the growth of food production is slowing because of the worldwide loss of topsoil, conversion of cropland to non-farm use, rising energy costs, diminishing returns from the use of chemical fertilizer and the growing competition between food and energy production as a use for crops.

"The doubling of world grain output since 1950 has entailed land abuse so severe that fully one-fifth and perhaps as much as one-third of the world cropland is losing topsoil at a rate that is undermining its long-term productivity," Brown reported.

"Civilization cannot survive a continued loss of topsoil at current rates, end of statement, no qualifications," Brown emphasized. World grain production doubled between 1950 and 1971, Brown reported, but by 1980 it had fallen below 1971 levels on a per capita basis.

Unable to grow enough grain to meet their own needs, more than 100 countries currently import it from North America. At the same time, he said, the world fish catch has leveled off since the mid-1970s and the long-term growth in beef production has come to a halt.

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## U.S. stockpiles 200m oil barrels

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (AFP) — U.S. strategic oil reserves have now reached 200 million barrels enough to weather a 33-day halt in oil imports, authoritative sources said here.

The 200-million-barrel mark was reached Thursday with the addition of 380,000 barrels of Alaskan crude oil.

Reserves of oil have grown particularly fast during the past few months after an interruption in 1979/80 because of tension on the international oil market. U.S. purchase of crude oil for reserves have reached an average

of more than 300,000 barrels daily since the beginning of this year.

The administration has taken advantage of the worldwide oil glut to add 90 million barrels to the reserves, the sources said. Since Sept. 1 some 200,000 barrels have come from Mexico under an agreement providing almost 110 million barrels Mexican oil for U.S. reserves over five years. Storage capacity is being expanded and will rise from the present 290 million barrels to 750 million barrels — equivalent to 125 days of oil imports — by the end of 1986.

The spokesman said the most profitable

# Poland seeks to double food prices

WARSAW, Oct. 2 (AFP) — The government's price committee wants eventually to double retail food prices, but feels it must consult the public on such economic reforms to defuse opposition, the Polish press has reported.

The committee would like to hold some form of public consultation in ten days, news-papers said Thursday.

The price committee chairman Zdzislaw Krasiński was quoted by newspapers as saying that he met with hundreds of citizens' groups and found that poles are still wary of the measures despite the fact the wage increases are to accompany the price rises.

The consultation would cover prices for foods such as sugar, jams, potatoes, and salt, as well as on matches, natural gas and gasoline (petrol), newspapers said. They were reporting on a meeting on food, held Thursday in Warsaw.

The first step of the price reform was undertaken Aug. 31 with the increases for bread and other grain-based products. The proposed rises are to be introduced gradually.

# Libya, U.S. firm sign oil hunt pact

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 2 (R) — Occidental Petroleum Corporation has reached a new arrangement with Libya ensuring it a "good profit" on its oil operating there, a company spokesman said.

The spokesman said the most profitable Occidental interest in Libya was a so-called exploration and production sharing agreement (EPSEA).

Under EPSEA, Occidental receives all the oil produced, about 75,000 barrels a day, 19 percent of which is not subject to tax or royalty. "So even in a poor market, we make a very good margin on ESPA oil," the spokesman said.

He said Occidental would reduce the amount of oil it exported at prices tied to the official price, called equity oil.

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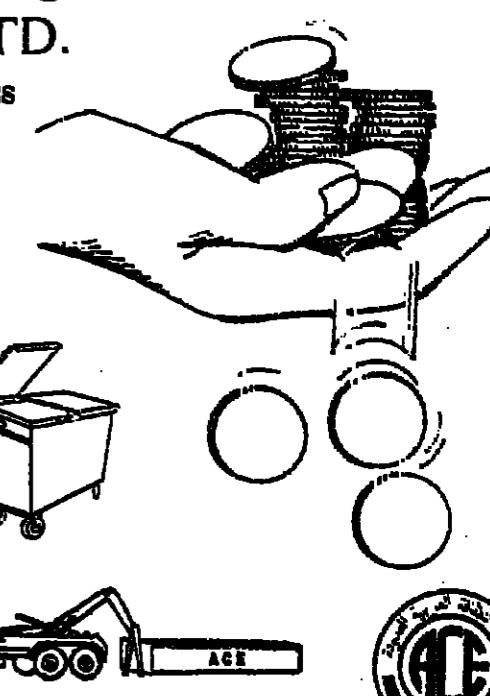
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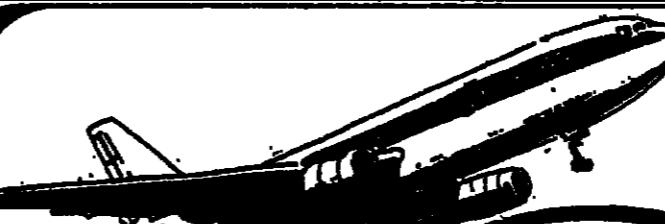
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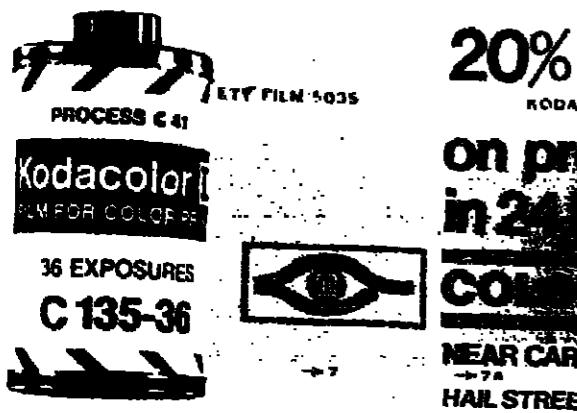
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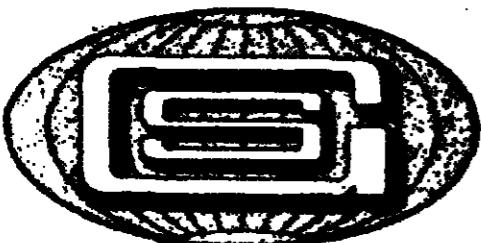
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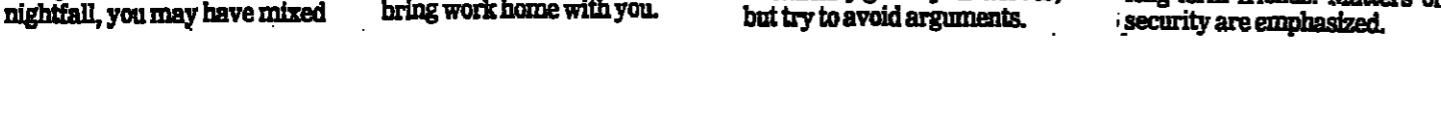
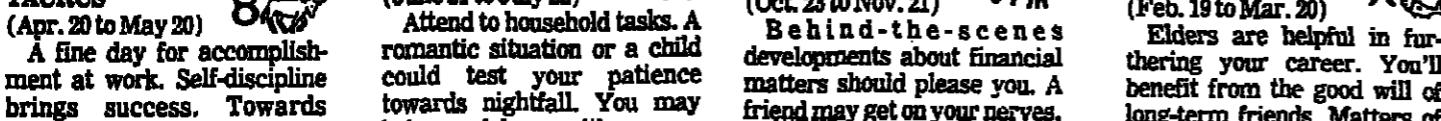
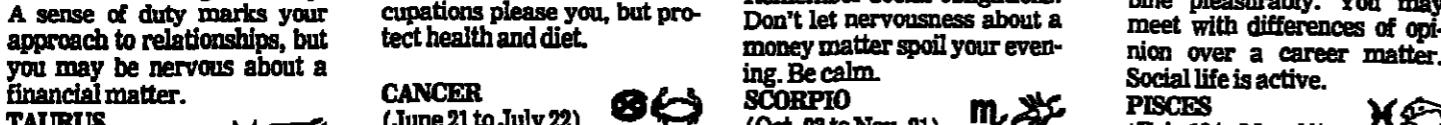
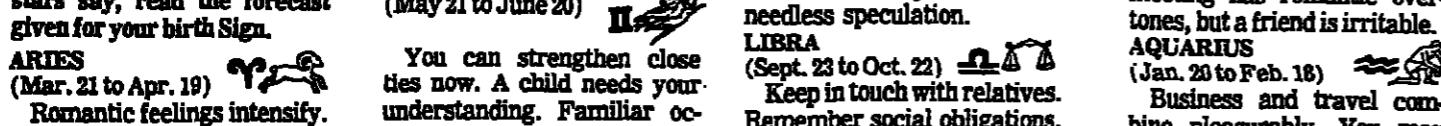
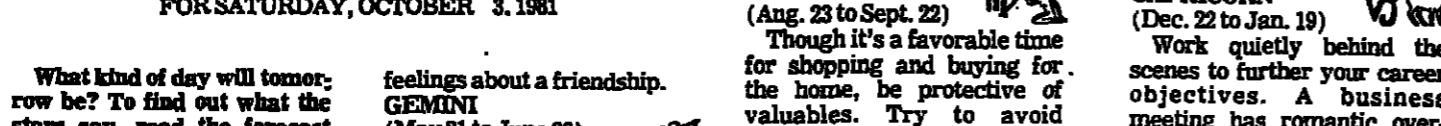
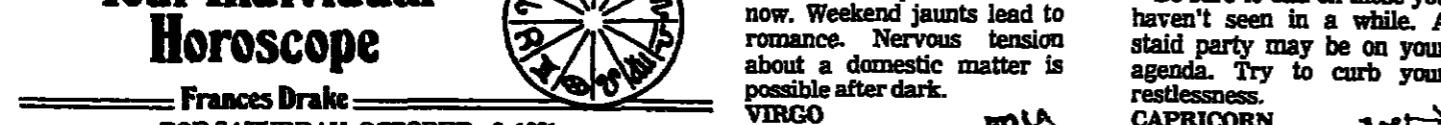
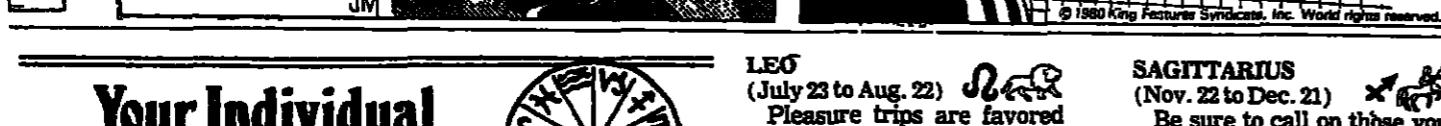
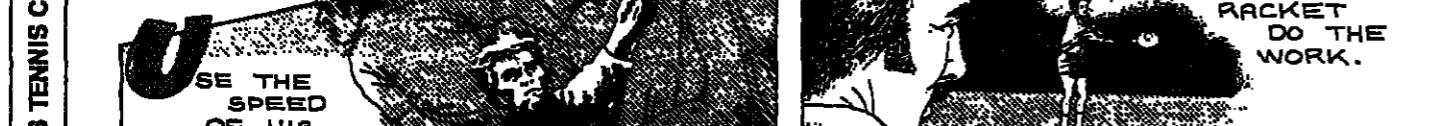
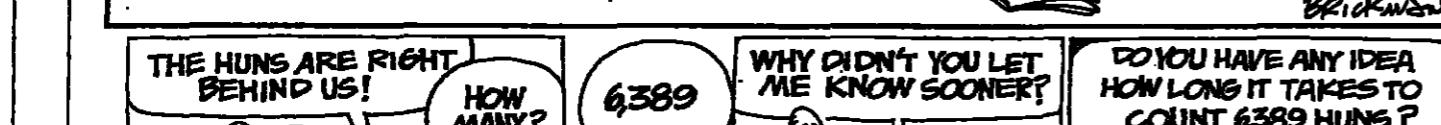
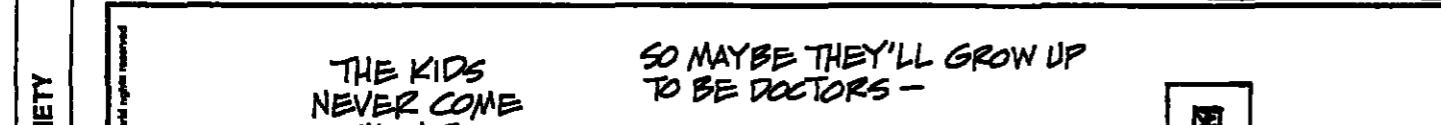
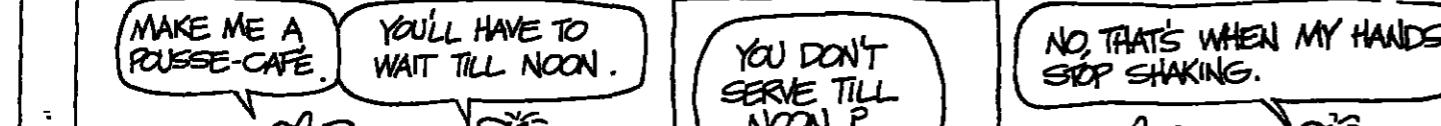
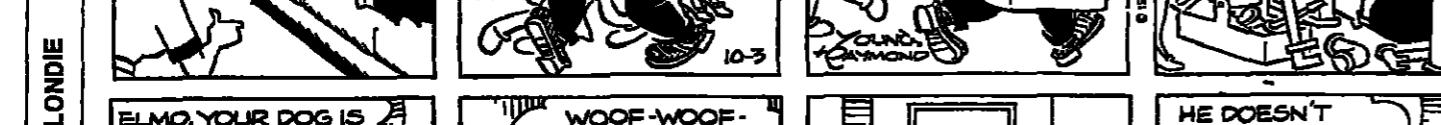
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Somber economy forecast

## Trudeau pleads for 3rd World

MELBOURNE, Oct. 2 (R) — Commonwealth leaders from both sides of the North-South divide joined Friday in calling for urgent efforts to combat hunger and poverty in the Third World.

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau of Canada warned the 41-nation summit that not only poor countries but also the relatively rich now face "horrendous economic problems" and risks. "There are no quick fixes or magic solutions," told government leaders representing one-third of the world's nations. "Wisdom, compassion, cooperation and patience are required in the long haul ahead."

The Commonwealth leaders sketched a somber picture of the world's economic problems but offered no solutions except to suggest a determined new approach in the strained North-South relationship.

President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, the poor South's spokesman in the summit's economic debate, warned richer nations of the Commonwealth that they, too, face risks if Third World impoverishment remained unchecked.

"The intensification of poverty causes social, economic and political disorder in Third World countries, supplies of essential raw material may be interrupted," he said. "And such disorders are not without their relevance to world peace, for they provide fertile ground for foreign interference."

Nyerere criticized the U.S. administration for what he called "depressing statements" on foreign aid and the Soviet Union for refusing to attend a special summit conference this



Canadian Premier Pierre Trudeau

month on how to grapple with the Third World's problems.

Seven Commonwealth leaders, including Trudeau and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, will join President Ronald Reagan and government chiefs from 14 other countries at the first top-level North-South meeting at Cancun, Mexico, on Oct. 22.

Trudeau said history would judge 1981 as a watershed in North-South relations. It would be a year in which all nations moved forward

together in a concerted attack on economic disparities or alternatively "allowed a momentous opportunity to slip through their fingers."

The week-long Commonwealth summit, grouping countries once ruled by Britain with a total population of one billion, hopes to frame guidelines to help debate at the Cancun meeting.

Both Trudeau and the Tanzanian president called for major changes to create what the Canadian leader described as "an international system sensitive to the needs of all." They called for a quick start in projected "global negotiations" on the needs of the world's poorer countries.

The negotiations, due to start last January, were delayed when Reagan asked for more time to reassess U.S. aid priorities. Reagan agreed in July to begin preparations for "mutually acceptable" global talks; but U.S. officials have made no firm commitments. The Third World hopes the Cancun meeting will fix a date for negotiations to start.

Trudeau also called for expansion of the World Bank's energy development program and for the creation of a bank energy affiliate. Both projects are viewed skeptically by Washington.

Trudeau joined Nyerere in urging that the World Bank should be given adequate resources for aid projects. The United States has indicated it is opposed to major new injections of cash for international lending institutions.

Nyerere said International Monetary Fund (IMF) credits were often linked with high political conditions "bearing little or no relation to the circumstances of poor countries." He proposed a restructuring of world monetary institutions to cope with the reality of Third World needs, and suggested a new version of postwar Bretton Woods conference, which laid the basis for the present international money system.

"The international financial institutions as at present constituted do not reflect the realities of financial power or financial needs in the world," he declared.

Questioner: "You are talking about the aborigines?"

Botha: "That is the way you call them. I thought that they were Australians... Try to do something about the awful conditions under which the original people who inhabit your country are living. Try to improve the quality of life for them, before you start poking your noses into the affairs of other people."

At this point Botha hung up the phone, the interviewer said.

### 700 MX planned

## Reagan unveils strategic plan

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (AFP) — President Ronald Reagan Friday announced plans to go ahead with production of 700 MX intercontinental missiles, but said he had decided to abandon the controversial MX mobile deployment system sketched out by former President Jimmy Carter.

Reporting to the nation on his decisions for modernizing America's strategic weapons, President Reagan also said that he would revive plans to deploy at least 100 new B-1 long-range bombers, a project that had been canceled by Carter four years ago.

Reagan also proposed to improve communications and control systems and the

### Sikh extremists arrested in India

NEW DELHI, Oct. 2 (AP) — The government of India's predominantly Sikh state of Punjab cracked down Thursday on political extremists demanding an independent Sikh homeland, arrested at least 12, separatists leaders state police reported.

Among those detained were some leaders of "Dal Khalsa," an obscure secessionist group that claimed responsibility for Tuesday's sensational hijack of an Indian domestic airliner to Lahore, Pakistan, the United News of India reported.

However, senior leaders of the "Dal Khalsa" — whose activists wear orange-colored turbans and endorse violence to achieve political goals — were reported still hiding inside the 16th-century Golden Temple.

## Communists axe rebels in France

PARIS, Oct. 2 (AFP) — Thirty French Communist Party dissidents including former central committee member Henri Fiszbin have been thrown out of the 700,000-member party, it was announced here Friday.

The FCP central committee secretariat said that the 30 had "removed themselves from the party" by refusing to stop publishing a weekly bulletin and holding meetings of a group with ideas different from the strict party line.

Fiszbin, 51, was among party dissidents who split with the central leadership three years ago when the "leftist union" between the French Socialist and Communist parties fell apart during the buildup to parliamentary elections. He nonetheless had remained a party member.

Observers here remarked on the irony of Fiszbin's exclusion from the party at a time when his position in favor of union with the Socialists had been vindicated with the inclusion of four Communist ministers in the new government of Socialist President Francois Mitterrand.

FCP leader Georges Marchais had promised in 1978 that no heads would roll despite conflict within the party on the union issue, but many leading party intellectuals and journalists dropped out after the election fiasco that year.

Fiszbin, who has criticized Marchais for "the immense gap between stated principles and their application," had called for a switch to democratic functioning of the hierarchical party and broad discussions in preparation for the party's 24th congress to be held early next year.

Lech Walesa starts new two-year mandate

GDANSK, Poland, Oct. 2 (Agencies) — Representatives of nearly 70 million Poles Friday elected Lech Walesa as chairman of the Solidarity trade union congress.

Walesa, a moderate, defeated three radical challengers for the coveted post. He now starts a new two-year mandate as leader of the Soviet bloc's first independent labor movement, which he helped to found during the strike wave last year.

Votes in the secret ballot were counted by computer and manually at the Lenin shipyard where Solidarity was born and where a huge banner proclaimed: "Voting for Walesa is voting for Poland".

Walesa debated far into the night Thursday with the three men challenging his position at the head of the Solidarity union federation. One of the challengers, Jan Rulewski, drew loud applause when he called for the union to stop deciding its policy on the basis of threats of Soviet intervention "real or imaginary".

In reply Walesa called on members not to underestimate the strength of the union. "We have very little chance of winning if we underestimate the partner. (the government), a strong and intelligent partner."

## U.S. official discounts NATO rifts

LONDON, Oct. 2 (AP) — Eugene V. Rostow, director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, Friday discounted the seriousness of rifts in the Atlantic alliance over nuclear rearmament.

He said he thought the Soviet union would "pay serious attention" to the views of the United States whether or not its Western European allies agreed to accept all of the modern U.S. nuclear missiles scheduled to be deployed here.

Rostow was asked at a news conference about the debate going on in Western Europe over the nuclear arms race and about rising sentiments in some countries against deployment of new American rockets.

The British opposition Labor Party voted earlier this week for unilateral nuclear disarmament — although it won't become party policy — and there are strong doubts that the Netherlands and Belgium will finally agree to accept the new American missiles on their territories. There is also some public and political resistance in West Germany to the planned deployment.

Rostow said he thought these attitudes should be taken "very calmly," saying NATO had survived a "great many storms" before. Asked what effect the anti-nuclear sentiment will have on the U.S. negotiating position in nuclear arms limitation talks with the Soviet Union starting Nov. 30 in Geneva, Rostow said:

"I think we can assume that the Soviet Union will pay serious attention to the views of the United States whether we have a few

### Over rearmament

#### Eugene Rostow

rockets. The Soviets now have an estimated 250 of the triple-headed missiles in place. Rostow had earlier said that as U.S. lead in the nuclear power diminished in the post-war years, the U.S. capacity "to control the escalation of crises diminished accordingly." He recalled that during the Korean war "secret nuclear hints" by then-secretary of State Dean Acheson and President Dwight Eisenhower led to peace negotiations. He said similar "American messages" toward the end of the Vietnam War failed to produce a similar reaction.

Meanwhile, newly appointed British Deputy Foreign Secretary Humphrey Atkins Friday warned against expecting immediate headway in Soviet-United States talks on the limitation of long range missiles in Europe.

Atkins told a meeting of the Atlantic Treaty Assembly in London that he expected a "propaganda campaign" from Moscow against NATO's December 1979 decision concerning Euromissiles "in order to pre-service Soviet superiority."

"The talks between Washington and Moscow will be long and hard," he said, and

added: "I sincerely hope that the Soviet Union is equally interested in negotiating seriously and is not just attempting to drive wedges between members of the alliance."

Despite the difficult international situation, he continued, the talks will go on, unless the Soviet Union takes "extreme action, unacceptable" to the West. Observers here believed this was an implicit reference to an eventual invasion of Poland by Soviet troops.

### First step in massive spy swap

## West Germany returns Guillaume

approved.

Guillaume's wife, Christel, who received an eight-year term, was exchanged last March.

Brandt decided to comment on the release of the man who betrayed him. But West German television commentators endorsed the deal as "a degrading but indispensable cattle market" and "a necessary evil." They noted Guillaume had served almost two-thirds of his sentence and might soon, in the bleak terms of spy swaps, have become free.

Well-informed sources said in Paris Friday that France is involved in talks to swap East German spy Heinz Bernhard Zorn, arrested in 1980, with a Soviet dissident. The sources said, although both Germany was believed to have wanted to extend the deal to France and Denmark.

### Nagging questions remain

BONN, Oct. 2 (R) — The affair of Guenter Guillaume, the Communist master spy released Thursday night, has left open a series of nagging questions about West German security which may never be answered. To all appearances a shy and pudgy refugee, Guillaume rose to be the personal assistant of then Chancellor Willy Brandt in the early 1970's.

When he was arrested at his home by three plainclothes security men on an April morning in 1974, he became the highest-placed East German spy unmasked in the West. Former aides say Brandt broke down and wept when security chiefs confirmed their long-hold suspicions that Guillaume was a spy. The chancellor resigned two weeks later.

Despite the world focus on Guillaume then and the years that have passed, key mysteries about his career remain. How was the East German mole able to burrow his way into the heart of West German government, with glowing references from politicians and trade union leaders, most of whom are still in office today?

Why was Guillaume allowed to remain in place for 11 months after counter intelligence officials began shadowing him, during which time he gained access to at least one document carrying NATO's highest grade of secrecy, "Cosmic?" And one of the most intriguing questions of all is why the bespectacled master spy did not try to escape when he knew he was under surveillance.

Police found a notebook at Guillaume's home in which he had neatly noted the registration numbers of West German counterespionage vehicles which tailed him. Born in Berlin, Guillaume "fled" to the West in 1956, opening a snack bar in Frankfurt with his wife Christel, who later played a key role in smuggling chancellery documents, wrapped in fancy gift paper, to

East Berlin.

When police arrested Brandt's right-hand man, he declared: "I am a captain in the (East German) National People's Army. I trust you will respect my status as an officer." A parliamentary inquiry found that as early as 1954, when Guillaume was still in the east, the Federal Intelligence Agency suspected him of working for East Germany's Ministry for State Security.

A seemingly infinite capacity for quiet hard work assured Guillaume a rapid rise in the Social Democratic Party (SPD). By 1973, he was in the chancellor's inner circle, opening his mail, accompanying him on private trips and handling relations between Brandt and the SPD's national executive.

For months before his arrest, West German intelligence agents fed Guillaume phony secrets which the suspect duly passed to East Berlin. "He was the classic 'sleeper,' the long-term agent who is not expected to produce much for years after his infiltration," one Bonn security official said.

Guillaume refused to speak in the 1975 trial at which he was sentenced to 13 years imprisonment for high treason. Brandt told the court he disbelieved the suspicions against his aide until the very last weeks.

Among the reasons officials cited for the government's change of heart was the fact that Guillaume was suffering from an acute kidney complaint. "You don't get anything in exchange for a corpse," one chancellor official was quoted as saying this week.

Until Monday, Guillaume was still doing other prisoners' washing in the laundry at Rhenbach Prison where he worked for most of his seven years in jail. He can be sure of a warm welcome in East Germany, which, in the words of Communist leader Erich Honecker, "treasures the heroic work of its fighters on the invisible front."

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